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SCHOOL SEX ARREST

Employee suspended as police investigate claims

A MEMBER of staff at a Harlow primary school is at the centre of a police investigation after being arrested on suspicion of sexual offences.

Parents of children at the school received a letter on Monday confirming that the employee had been suspended with immediate effect.

Because of legal restrictions, the **Star** is unable to name the school involved.

An Essex Police spokesman confirmed: "A man from Harlow was arrested on Friday on suspicion of offences under the Sexual Offences Act 2003. He has been released on police bail pending further inquiries until July 29."

The letter sent out to parents by the school's headteacher describes the episode as a "distressing situation" but stresses that the arrested man has not been charged with any offence.

"It is important that we allow the

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investigation to run its full course before making any judgements," reads the letter.

It states that the suspended employee will not be allowed into the school site while the police investigation is ongoing.

The **Star** has been contacted by a number of parents complaining that they have not been properly informed of the situation.

In a prepared statement, the school's headteacher said: "Allegations have been made against a member of staff and, in accordance with established child protection procedures, the school is working with its partner agencies whilst the police investigation is conducted."

Both the headteacher and Essex County Council declined to comment further.



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Major threat to Harlow jobs as crisis in the economy begins to bite - see page 7

Runners go for it on marathon day

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CHARITABLE Harlow residents went the extra mile and did the town proud when they took to the streets for this year's London Marathon on Sunday.

For Five Acres resident Stephen Hulcoop, the gruelling experience was nothing new – it was the 19th time he had completed the 26.2 mile route around the city's roads!

The 63-year-old finished with a time of 4h 57m and raised more than £1,500 for homeless charity Crisis.

He was joined by friend and fellow Potter Street Baptist Church worshipper Andy Kitson, of Chapel Field, who completed the course in 4h 9m, raising £3,000 for the British Heart Foundation in memory of 28-year-old Harlow man James Redington, who died suddenly of a rare heart condition in July last year.

Lorraine Knight (44), of Glebelands, took a last-minute decision to run the course in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. She trained for just six weeks before the event after deferring her entry last year due to ill health and finished in 6h 50m and raised about £600-700.

Louise Pegrum (26), of The Downs, ran the course in 4h 7m, raising more than £1,000 for Harlow Handicapped Sports Foundation; Paul



Marshall (27), of Burley Hill, thanked his fitness team from North Weald Health And Leisure Club for seeing him around the course in 4h 4m to raise a whopping £1,600 for the Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign; and Nigel Taylor (38), of Burley Hill, raised more than £3,500 for Leukaemia CARE, crossing the finish line in 5h 14m in his first marathon.

Last but by no means least was the St Clare Hospice 2008 marathon team, which raised an estimated £10,000 for the local charity.

Harlow GP Dr Philip Lancaster was first in the team to cross the line, in 4h 6m, despite nearly not competing because of a back injury.

St Clare fundraising director Sue Upton said: "We are proud of our marathon team and wish to thank them all for their amazing efforts."



MARATHON EFFORTS: Pictured, clockwise from top, are Lorraine Knight (s); the St Clare Hospice team of David Rogers, Philip Lancaster, Vic Wood and Chris Dunkin (photo: GRRSDVN/02); and friends Stephen Hulcoop, left, and Andy Kitson (s)

Follow in footsteps of fun-loving fundraisers

THERE can be few people who watched television coverage of the London Marathon without admiring the efforts of the thousands of plucky participants.

Many of them will have been training for months to take part, raising money for the charities of their choice as they were cheered on by the crowds lining the route.

And how many of you watching those live TV pictures in the comfort of your own homes thought you would like to do your bit to help a local charity in need of financial support. Well now you can . . . and you don't need to embark on a hectic training schedule to take part!

If you fancy a gentle 10km stroll along Harlow's network of cycle paths while raising money for the St Clare Hospice at Hastingwood, why not be one of the thousands of women who will be taking part in the town's first-ever Midnight Walk on Saturday, June 21.

This is NOT a race or a run. You can go at your own pace in what promises to be an enjoyable girls' night out on what hopefully will be a warm summer's evening. And although the walk does not take place until June, you need to sign up NOW to make sure of a place.

The Midnight Walk is being supported by the **Harlow Star**, our sister paper the *Bishop's Stortford Observer* and Ten-17fm. Registration could not be simpler - you can request a registration pack by telephone or, to make it even easier, register online. Just follow the instructions in the panel.

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walker but of course you can raise much more for the hospice by getting yourself sponsored.

To take part you must be over the age of 16. Places are limited and will be allocated in the order entries are processed.

Marshals will be stationed along the route – which starts and finishes at The Water Gardens – to guide and assist participants when necessary. The Midnight Walk is accessible to wheelchair users.

The walk will be the biggest single fundraising event in the history of the hospice, which cares for hundreds of people with life-limiting illnesses such as cancer each year but which receives only 30 per cent of its current £1.8m annual running costs from the West Essex Primary Care Trust.

Hospice chief executive Richard Cowie said: "We are acutely aware that there are many more people who should have access to our services and care that we can't reach because of limited resources. "We are hoping the funds raised through the Midnight Walk will help us make further improvements to reach even more people in the community of West Essex and East Herts."

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CLOSED: Harlow Mill station in the aftermath of Tuesday's tragedy

Arguing couple killed on tracks

FAMILIES yesterday (Wed) paid tribute to the couple who were killed by an 80mph train as they argued and grappled on the tracks at Harlow Mill station during Tuesday's morning rush hour.

The packed commuter train was approaching the station shortly before 8am when the driver applied the brakes and blew the horn after seeing Katie Gumble (35), of Harlow, and her boyfriend Dean Pickard (33), from Hoddesdon, on the line.

British Transport Police yesterday released statements on behalf of each of the victims' families.

Katie's mother, Sally Gumble, said: "Katie was a loving daughter who was adored by our family. She will be missed by us all, especially her children.

"We ask that members of the media respectfully leave us to grieve the loss of Katie in peace."

The statement released on behalf of Dean's mother, Sharon, and his younger brother,

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Jason, read: "Dean was our much-loved son and brother and we will miss him dearly.

"He loved Katie, who he met in the early part of last summer, and we are devastated by what has happened to both of them.

"Dean played a key role in the family business, a swimming pool maintenance company, and he had many friends who will feel the pain of his loss."

Police are unsure how the couple got onto the tracks, but one witness has come forward to claim they had heard a blazing row on the platform before Miss Gumble got down onto the rails.

The witness suggested Mr Pickard was trying to pull her to safety when the train — the 06.18 from King's Lynn to Liverpool Street, which was not due to stop at Harlow Mill — struck them.

BTP Detective Chief Inspector David Shipperlee told the **Star** he would be unable to ascertain just how the pair came to be on the tracks until all the evidence had been gathered.

However, he did confirm the CCTV camera on the front of the train had recorded the pair "tussling".

The incident caused major disruption to rail services, with a bus being laid on for passengers between Sawbridgeworth and Broxbourne until late in the afternoon.

Traffic flow on a side road leading to the station was also affected as vehicles struggled to pass emergency services attending the scene.

The deaths take the number of people killed on the town's rail network to five since February.

Following the last reported fatality on March 13, Network Rail confirmed it had started working in partnership with local operator National Express East Anglia to help identify those posing a risk to themselves.

At the time, a NEEA spokeswoman confirmed the company "is working closely with Network Rail and the British Transport Police to try to reduce the number of fatalities on the railway network."

Many of the witnesses on Tuesday left before police arrived. Officers have appealed to them to call 0800 909090.

Spate of rail deaths skews the statistics

RESEARCH by the **Star** has revealed a worrying statistic in light of the recent rash of fatalities on Harlow's railway network.

Based on the Rail Safety and Standard Board's 2007 figures for all deaths caused by accidents, trespass and suicide on Britain's railways, one in every 8.4 fatalities nationwide in the last two months has been in Harlow.

Last year, a total of 255 people died through accident, trespass or suicide, a drop from the previous year, but Harlow's startling figures of five fatalities in the last two months will no doubt raise questions as to why this is happening.

Until inquests have been completed, however, it is not certain under what circumstances the victims came to be on the line.

A spokesman for the RSSB was reluctant to discuss the board's own statistics for suicide but said: "For a passenger the railway is one of the safest ways to travel,

but it represents massive safety risks for those who, for whatever reason, trespass on the line or misuse a level crossing. The rail industry takes these issues very seriously and the RSSB, along with Network Rail and train operating companies, have been actively working on a wide range of initiatives. This includes education campaigns to dissuade trespass, as well as work with the Samaritans."

Samaritans spokeswoman Clare Duncan said the organisation is working closely with Network Rail on a publicity campaign in and around Harlow's stations.

She said on Tuesday: "We are in the middle of a huge campaign and placing large billboard posters as well as small posters within stations. We are also helping to train railway staff to spot and deal with people who may be in need of help."

Miss Duncan added anybody who feels they need emotional support from the Samaritans can call 08457 909090, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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WE SAY

but with almost 300 Harlow jobs looking likely to disappear in one fell swoop, it is difficult to hold on to such blue-sky optimism.

Exactly what kind of effect such massive job cuts will have on our local economy remains to be seen, but as the cost of

living soars and more and more businesses are forced to make cutbacks, it seems inevitable that queues outside the Jobcentre are set to grow. Whether or not we ultimately find ourselves dragged into a recession in the coming months, our thoughts at this time should be with the 250-plus workers who today face uncertainty and the possibility of unemployment.

Enough of this long vendetta

SIR, Why oh why do we have to continue opening our papers to the same old thing? I for one am fed up with reading what Mr Lubbock has to say over and over again.

Yes, it's sad that Mr Lubbock lost his son, but it was seven years ago now and so far no one has come any closer to the truth, and nor necessarily will they.

Mr Lubbock says he doesn't want sympathy; if that is true, then why do we see him in the paper over and over with nothing new to say? Why do we have to read about the fact that he is ill and been hospitalised? No-one else makes the papers for having an illness that leads to hospitalisation – how do these appearances in the paper help Mr Lubbock get the justice he is looking for?

No, to me they are blatant attempts at getting sympathy. Someone must be letting the Press know when he is ill or in hospital; they can't know just like that. We don't want to read about his health, especially when there are far more important news items to be reported on.

Mr Barrymore is a well-loved celebrity and I can only think that this is the reason that this incident has gone on for so long. Every time Mr Barrymore tries to get on with his life, we have to hear Mr Lubbock's opinions on the matter. If Mr Barrymore was guilty of rape and murder, I have no doubts that our police force would have had him arrested, charged and thrown in prison by now; the fact that Mr Barrymore went to live in New Zealand is for me a huge indicator that they believe he did nothing wrong – after all, he wouldn't have been allowed out of the county.

Stuart made choices on that fateful night, choices I'm sure Mr Lubbock wants to deny his son made. Stuart went to Mr Barrymore's home because he is a celebrity; anyone would when presented with the opportunity to party with a celeb. Enough is enough, not everyone is interested in Mr Lubbock's rants. It's about time he let go of his vendetta against Mr Barrymore; he would have a right to carry on the way he is if Mr Barrymore had been found guilty but he hasn't, so for the sake of everyone please move on. Fair enough, you want answers to your son's death, but hounding Mr Barrymore isn't going to get you them. I truly believe that he had nothing to do with Stuart's death and not for one second did I ever believe that he did.

I am not the only person who is fed up with the continued coverage of Mr Lubbock's vendetta against Mr Barrymore; there are plenty of us who want it to stop.

If Mr Lubbock wishes to air his views, he could perhaps hold a monthly meeting with those people who are interested in what he has to say, then the rest of us can read our papers happily without having to endure all of his ridiculous and constant ranting about Mr Barrymore or this or that enquiry, which tells us nothing new.

If and when the truth becomes clear, maybe that's the time to report on Mr Lubbock's views; as for now, let it go!

Miss S. Jackson
Harlow (full address supplied)

Just not fare

SIR, Yet another case of that so-common practice of business and politics where we are told about some wonderful new way of doing things that's going to improve things – and when you read the small print you find in fact it's a cut.

This time, it's the free bus pass for over-60s. As from April Fool's Day, we have been able to use it anywhere, not just in buses starting in Essex.

Yes, and it is indeed going to be handy to be able to change buses across the county boundary in Stortford or Hertford or Loughton and get to places like Stevenage using the pass, and we couldn't do that before.

But there's more to it than that – because at the same time they have cut back on the times when the pass can be used. It was valid from 9am, but now it's 9.30am. That means, for example, that if a card-holder wishes to catch the 59 bus from Harlow to Chelmsford that leaves the bus station at 9.15am, they are going to have to pay the full fare for a trip that last week was free. And the same will apply for all buses, including the local ones in Harlow.

This doesn't apply in some parts of Essex, where the local councils kept the 9am start, which they had the power to do. But Harlow? No such luck.

Give with one hand, take it back with the other. That's not how Harlow used to be.

Kevin McGrath
Heron's Wood, Harlow

School worries

SIR, Mr Topley's letter (*Letters*, April 3) presented a very good case for Brays Grove and Passmores schools to be amalgamated on the present Passmores site.

If the authorities actually build a super school (and with courses like hair, beauty, decoration and tiling as suggested by Mr Goddard, it doesn't appear so, although I accept that such courses have their place in society), many parents both inside and outside Harlow would want their children admitted.

On interview, the head may wish to give preferential choice to pupils whom he would consider very good for the school. This would deny other schools children who have the aptitude and ability to want to learn. The Passmores land has potential for high quality housing. Rumours abound that our MP would also like a university campus built on the site too, to boost the town's image as well as his own.

Could this be the reason for failure to take decisive action regarding the present failing Harlow College?

Joan Swanton
Willowfield, Harlow

£400k fantasy

SIR, I read with amusement that Bill Rammell has managed to get £400,000 to sort out the road problems in Harlow (*Star*, April 3). Does he think we are so stupid as to think that this would even pay for the survey, let alone the work?

His party have managed to ruin the country, so I don't think they would do anything to help Harlow.

Glynis Campbell
Tickenhall Drive, Harlow

Wallet thanks

SIR, Friday is my husband's day. He goes out, does a bit of shopping, goes for a drive, sometimes has a drink, but Friday is set in stone.

Two weeks ago was a bit different, as I had an appointment at the surgery, so he was later than usual setting off. He had to rush around and was late back. The next afternoon, there was a ring at the door and he went to answer. He came back in looking a bit shocked, with his wallet in his hand. A driver from Sainsbury's had come with his wallet, which had been left in the toilet at Sainsbury's petrol station.

As nobody had been to collect it, the driver, who I've since learned, was the manager of the petrol station, decided to bring it back. He doesn't know who handed it in, but was most impressed with the honesty of the person as, on opening it to find an address, he found quite a bit of money and credit cards.

When my husband checked, everything was there. He hadn't realised the wallet was missing.

In this day and age and we were so grateful to get the wallet back, and would like to thank the person who handed it in most sincerely. We are both pensioners and the loss of the wallet, and especially the contents, would have hit us hard.

Kay Thompson
Five Acres, Harlow

Why so secret?

SIR, In my letter to the *Star* last month, I pleaded with the council not to demolish the play area at Spurriers. I was very pleased to learn a few days later that the committee were almost unanimous in rejecting the demolition proposal. However, the committee were apparently recalled and almost unanimously changed their minds – and their votes.

Perhaps someone on our open and transparent council will now tell us what was said at the secret meeting of councillors and officers prior to the public session of the committee, that apparently, completely altered their views.

Ron Bill
Upper Park, Harlow

Top production

SIR, On March 15, I and 11 other family members and friends attended the evening performance of Class Act Theatre School's *There's No Place Like Rome* at the Victoria Hall.

The whole cast and crew are to be commended on a brilliant performance. In today's society, adults are quick to judge or moan about youngsters but for nearly two hours the whole audience was held spellbound by 40 teenagers acting, singing and dancing.

The enjoyment coming from these teenagers was evident in their performance and I think we should be grateful that there are places where they can go to perform (for instance, the Victoria Hall), classes where they can meet new friends and, above all, adults who are willing to go that extra mile to help them have fun.

Thank you to all involved in CATS for such an enjoyable evening. I am looking forward to the next one already.

Mrs C. Cracknell
Woodcroft, Harlow

Salary anger

SIR, Thank-you to both the *Star* and Taxpayers' Alliance for revealing to us the chief executive of Harlow Council was paid £107,814 for 2006/7, up by £3,090 from the previous year.

That is £2,073 every week. Surely we should expect better results than those fiascos that your paper has brought to our notice?

One assumes the CEO is paid extra for election responsibilities and membership of quangos too. When paid so well, can he not control the other top brass who so often fail the public duty they are paid for – yes, it is the lower-paid who lose their jobs or have to cover up failures.

I'm sure John Curry and others within the local civic society could do a better job!

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More PAH staff are assaulted by colleagues

NHS staff working in Harlow suffered more physical violence from their colleagues or managers in the last 12 months than in the previous year, new figures reveal.

Four per cent of 279 people questioned at the Princess Alexandra NHS Trust said they had experienced abuse in 2007 – the highest score of all acute trusts in England, according to a report by the Healthcare Commission.

The figure has increased from 2006 when only one per cent of staff said they had suffered the same problems.

However, at 10 per cent the trust was found to have among the lowest percentages of staff experiencing violence and abuse from patients or relatives during the same period, although the amount was up from the previous year which stood at eight per cent.

A trust spokesman said: "The trust takes all incidents of violence extremely seriously and we encourage all staff to report violence. This survey was carried out last year and since then we have implemented a number of measures to encourage staff to report violence and to better protect staff members."

"We are concerned about the level of reports in relation to staff and we would like more people to report incidents so we can identify those responsible and take the necessary disciplinary action."

Pirate jailed for sale of DVDs and games

Pigmy goats stolen from farm



THIEVES have stolen six goats from Ashlyns Organic Farm in North Weald in an overnight raid. The pigmy goats, which were kept as an attraction in an enclosure close to the farm's shop, in Epping Road, were taken between 6pm last Wednesday and 8am the next day.

Police believe a group of men who had earlier shown an interest in purchasing the goats could be linked to the crime and want to trace a blue 56-registration Ford Transit van.

Shop duty manager Louise Smith said the goats had been popular

UPSET: Julie Morton feeds the remaining goats at Ashlyns (photo: RYV4DSFC/01)

with staff and customers, particularly children, and Ashlyns was desperate to get them back.

"A lot of people who come to visit us head straight for the goats when they arrive," she said. "They have been here a long time. We're really missing them and would love to see them back home. "We have had a lot of inquiries in the past about whether the goats are for sale but of course we have always said no. We just hope that whoever has taken them is keeping them well and wanted them as pets rather than for meat."

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A TRADER caught selling counterfeit DVDs, computer games and pornography has been jailed for eight months.

Mark Rawlings (39), of Hookfield, Harlow, was sent to prison by a judge at Hereford Crown Court after pleading guilty to 12 separate offences in relation to deals done via his website cd-backupz.co.uk.

The offences related to a 12-month period during which Rawlings was living in Worcester and the case was brought by Trading Standards officers from Worcestershire County Council.

Investigators put a street value

of £17,250 on goods found at Rawlings' home. Of the pornographic titles, some were of a classification which can only be sold in a licensed sex shop and some were unclassified, meaning they cannot be sold at all.

Sentencing him, Judge John Cavell noted that he had boasted of being the number one business selling copied films and games and had even set his website up so that it would appear if anyone typed in "pirate games" on a search engine.

Speaking outside court, Peter Holmes of Worcestershire Trading Standards said: "I hope that the custodial sentence imposed will act as a real deterrent to anyone involved in counterfeiting or becoming involved."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Helicopter is called out to find patient

A POLICE helicopter crew was called into action on Monday after concerns were raised about the welfare of a patient missing from Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Essex Police's force chopper was sent out twice, at 5.30pm and 8.30pm, to look for the 29-year-old, first circling over West Gate and then towards the Church Langley area of the town. The patient was eventually accounted for at 9pm after returning to hospital of their own accord.

POLICE have warned van owners to be on their guard following three incidents in which tools were stolen from vehicles in the same car park. Two vans - a white Peugeot Boxer and a white Peugeot Expert - were broken into on Saturday afternoon while parked outside Wickes, in Howard Way.

A grey Renault Master van parked in the same car park was also targeted by thieves last Wednesday afternoon.

THIEVES made off with golf equipment, a mountain bike and two hockey sticks after breaking into a shed at a house in Risdens on Sunday night.

THE front number plate was stolen from a T-reg Nissan Primera estate parked in The Dashes overnight on Friday.

BURGLARS struck at a house in Brockles Mead on Thursday night, stealing a mobile phone, kettle, two mountain bikes, a digital camera and a set of keys.

CATALYTIC converters were stolen from beneath two white Peugeot Boxer vans parked on the forecourt of Bristol Street Motors, in Southern Way, overnight last Wednesday.

Penguins boss hopes to stay in the swim

HARLOW'S Penguins Swimming Club has confirmed it is desperate to keep its head above water despite the disruption following the town's pool closure.

Chairman Chris Singleton has vowed to do everything possible to keep the club for youngsters going until the new facilities open in Velizy Avenue next summer.

Harlow Council voted to demolish the pool following alleged health and safety concerns last September.

In that time, almost one-third

of the 160-strong membership has moved on to different clubs in other towns after being forced by the closure to use several different facilities, including Bishop's Stortford College and Sawbridgeworth's Leventhorpe School.

Mr Singleton also said the not-for-profit club will have lost an estimated £15,000 in income due to being unable to host three of its prestigious two-day annual galas in which up to 750 children attend.

"I will be honest, it's going to

be really hard work to keep it going," said Mr Singleton on Monday, "but by hook or by crook we will find a way of keeping it open."

"We really need dedicated swimmers and their parents to stick with us."

"We have had a brilliant boost and incentive for swimmers to stay as we have secured the services of a level-three coach; that's regional standard, so it's a pretty high quality."

"We have also two or three swimmers who have improved so

much since the use of the pool has been lost, so that shows how much we are putting into the club remaining open and remaining committed to Harlow youngsters who want to swim."

Mr Singleton also confirmed he had approached the council to try to secure a portion of the £300,000 it saved by closing the pool.

A council spokesman confirmed it would be providing the Penguins with some financial support but had not yet discussed it with the club.

Neglect was a factor in death of woman (21)

NEGLECT by hospital staff was a contributory factor in the death of a 21-year-old severely disabled woman at a Sawbridgeworth care home, a coroner has ruled.

Noel Scanlon, director of nursing at East and North Herts NHS Trust, said he deeply regretted the death of Natalie Clayton from heart and respiratory failure and admitted there had been lapses in her care while she was at the trust's Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, in Welwyn Garden City.

Miss Clayton died 24 hours after being transferred to Jacobs Neuro Centre, the specialist care home in High Wych Road, Sawbridgeworth, from the QEII, where she had been an intensive care patient for some time.

The two-day inquest in Hatfield which opened last Tuesday heard she suffered from severe global developmental delay.

She had her first cardiac arrest after being admitted to the QEII in May 2005. She was successively admitted to intensive care, a high dependency unit and then a general ward in mid-August of that year, but was sent back to intensive care within a few days after a second attack.

Dr Richard Dent, who looked after Miss Clayton when she was in intensive care, told Hertfordshire coroner Edward Thomas she had clearly been further neurologically damaged and had developed twitching, which suggested a low level of oxygen to the brain.

It was eventually decided to move her to the Jacobs Neuro Centre, where it was intended she would remain for the rest of her life.

When asked if it was unusual for a patient to die within 24 hours of being transferred to another site, Dr Dent added: "We were surprised and shocked, but she was so dependent and so much on the edge. Any move with Natalie was a considerable challenge for the system."

Miss Clayton, from Watton-at-Stone, died on January 26, 2006.

Mr Thomas recorded a verdict of death from natural causes, contributed to by neglect.

Victory after 20 years of struggle

By DAN PETERS

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A FORMER Conservative district councillor has thanked Harlow MP Bill Rammell for helping him win his struggle for compensation over a waste disposal site.

Tireless campaigner David Iszatt, of Epping Road, Roydon, has battled for more than 20 years against the illegal location of and pollution caused by the neighbouring site.

The pensioner was often woken early in the morning by the thundering lorries, stench and noise generated by the Barnfields site.

But he refused to put up with the situation and together with neighbour Richard Clark wrote up to 1,000 pages of letters over several years and also secured the support of Mr Rammell, who worked for four years to get justice for the pair.

Finally, a scathing report by the Local Government Ombudsman found Epping Forest Council and Essex County Council guilty of maladministration when giving the waste transfer station a green light to operate in the 1980s.

Last Friday, Mr Iszatt ignored previous party divides when he met Mr Rammell to thank him personally for his role in the fight.

"Bill has been most helpful," he said. "Everyone I know in Roydon who has been to him with an issue gets a satisfactory result. He is a diligent representative working on our behalf."

"I am delighted that the local authorities



SWEET SCENT OF VICTORY: David Iszatt, left and Bill Rammell (photo: F9L3FTTC/01)

have finally recognised the struggle Roydon people and Bill Rammell MP have been through to achieve this result."

Mr Rammell added: "This is a great day

for the community. It shows that elected representatives and constituents working together really can achieve something when quality of life is being threatened."

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Council gags out-of-town critics

THE man seeking to be Harlow's next MP is among scores of people prevented from holding Harlow Council to account after a rewrite of its constitution.

Changes approved by councillors mean that in future only people who live in or, for the past year, have had their principle place of employment in Harlow district will be able to present a petition or ask a question at a full council meeting.

This means anybody living outside the town - in bordering villages such as Hastingwood, Sheering and Roydon - can no longer challenge the authority, even if they are directly affected by its decisions.

In particular, the ban will hit Roydon resident Robert Halfon, Conservative prospective Parliamentary candidate for Harlow, who lives within the Harlow Parliamentary con-



ROBERT HALFON

stituency but outside the district.

He has spoken at several council meetings, in recent months representing groups including Kingsmoor Scouts and disabled charity Home Farm Trust.

"This is very worrying because it could prevent me working on behalf of residents," he complained. "It wouldn't surprise me if this move by the

Labour/Lib Dem authority was directed at me - but it will affect many others too."

"Providing someone has a material interest in Harlow, they should be able to question the council. There are many issues which have been brought to prominence in the past which under this new scenario would not be able to be raised."

Nigel Clark, secretary of campaign group Stop Harlow North, also criticised the move, stating Hertfordshire residents who could be adversely affected by the council's support for at least 10,000 homes to the north of the town should have the right to put their views.

A council spokesman said the new restrictions were the same as for those wishing to stand for election as a councillor. He would not give a reason for the change.

Have your say on waste plan

ESSEX residents are being asked to give their views on a proposed new waste disposal scheme.

County council chiefs hope to introduce a new recycling process which involves putting ordinary waste through a sorting device which converts it into a compost-like substance and can be used for land restoration. Gases given off by the process can also be used for generating electricity.

The proposal comes as the county tries to tackle fears over growing pressure on landfill sites and strives to meet its provisional target to recycle at least 60 per cent of household waste by 2020. At present, just 36 per cent of household waste is being recycled in Essex.

The consultation closes on May 5. To read the council's proposed strategy and give feedback, visit www.essexcc.gov.uk/wasteconsultation or call 0845 6037625 for more information

Shop workers' uncertainty as JJB closes up

UP to 20 jobs at sports store JJB are set to go in a significant loss to Harlow's retail economy after the firm announced plans to close its branch in the Harvey Centre.

The shop will shut on Monday but staff still do not know whether or not they will be offered the chance to relocate, although it is understood it is more likely they will face compulsory redundancy.

The decision to close the branch was made after the firm – owned by Wigan Athletic FC chairman Dave Whelan – recorded a sharp drop of 72 per cent in annual pre-tax profits.

It has implemented a staggered series of 72 store closures throughout the UK at a cost of £25m and it is estimated that a total of up to 800 staff could find themselves out of work as a result.

Chairman Roger Lane-Smith defended the move in a statement: "We are taking significant action to improve the performance of JJB's retail stores."

"Whilst we have identified a number of stores for closure, which will itself strengthen our remaining store portfolio, we are also investing to improve the quality of our stores and product with further store refits, the introduction of new products from our own brands and the implementation of staff training and incentive programmes."

Shock and anger as travel jobs go

By **CHRIS MOSS**
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SCORES of furious workers could be out of a job following the imminent closure of a Harlow call centre just weeks after bosses said its future was safe.

More than 200 staff at TUI Travel – formerly known as Thomson – must choose relocation or redundancy when their offices in Field House, Station Approach, are shut in September.

The announcement was made on Thursday when staff were told a staggered restructuring exercise meant their jobs were no longer safe.

A letter to workers leaked to the **Star** confirmed the call centre would close by the end of September, with all Harlow-based employees "at risk of redundancy" as a result.

The offices currently house TUI Travel's short-haul and ski specialists, but these will now be relocated to existing headquarters in Kingston and Crawley in Surrey, partly due to "significant cost benefits to the business".

The firm claims it will offer most employees the opportunity to move with their jobs and promised a 90-day consultation with staff.

The **Star** first learnt of concern about the centre's impending closure three weeks ago, but it flatly denied there were any plans to shut up shop in Harlow.

Angry workers this week ignored gagging orders to say they feel "cheated" by the travel company – with some even suggesting the closure plans were in place months ago.



One employee, who requested anonymity, said: "The way we have been kept in the dark is disgusting. They've continually denied the rumours that the centre was set to close, but I'm sure they've known for months."

A customer service agent added: "This has completely destroyed staff morale. I really enjoy my job but to suddenly find out that I'm going to be made redundant unless I want to travel all the way to Surrey every morning is really upsetting. I feel cheated."

A TUI Travel spokeswoman said the firm sympathised with staff grievances but claimed

the upheaval was "unavoidable".

A Harlow Council spokesman said the authority was deeply concerned about the impact of the potential redundancies on the community, adding it could be the largest single loss of jobs in the town for years and that it would try to liaise with the company and agencies to offer redundancy support.

Harlow MP Bill Rammell – who learnt of the impending closure from the **Star** – also expressed his disappointment but said he was reassured that staff would be offered the chance to relocate.

Up to 45 staff affected by UG site reduction

A FURTHER jobs blow hit Harlow this week as O-I Group, owner of the town's United Glass, announced it is to shut down a third of its site. One of three furnaces currently operating at the Edinburgh Way plant – known as Furnace 103 – is to be decommissioned at the end of July under the US firm's restructuring plans.

A company spokesman said the changes were designed to help the company "adapt capacity to the UK market" and said the future of the rest of the factory was safe.

It is thought 45 staff will be affected by the change, and a statutory consultation process with unions was launched on Tuesday.

The spokesman said: "O-I's strategy remains to be actively serving the needs of its customers in a competitive but profitable way, by delivering high service level and quality. Therefore, in parallel, projects are being driven to increase manufacturing flexibility with the two remaining furnaces in a way to best serve existing markets and customers, as well as enable innovation and new product developments in existing and new segments."

The spokesman added that future expansion opportunities included starting production of wine bottles and bottles for non-alcoholic drinks.

O-I, which has two sites in the UK, operates in 22 countries.

Motorway death teen is named

POLICE have named the 16-year-old boy who was killed when a stolen Vauxhall Signum crashed off the M11 and went down an embankment.

Jay Tamer, from Shepherds Bush, died at the scene of the accident which occurred southbound between Junctions 7 and 6 after 8am on April 5.

A 17-year-old boy, from Shepherds Bush, is on police bail until April 21 after being arrested in connection with the incident.

A 16-year-old boy, also from Shepherds Bush, has been remanded in secure accommodation after appearing in youth court to be charged with aggravated vehicle taking and burglary. He has pleaded guilty to the former and not guilty to the latter.

He is due to reappear at Basildon Youth Court on June 3 to stand trial for burglary and will be sentenced for the motoring offence at a later date.

He is also currently on police bail until early June, having been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving in connection with the accident. Anybody with information or witnesses should call Essex Police on 0300 333 4444.

Driver trapped

A MAN was trapped for more than an hour after a two-vehicle smash until fire crews from Harlow freed him from the wreckage in Water Lane, Roydon, after the collision at 6.15am on Sunday.

James is on the beat to fight anti-social crimes



A SAFER and cleaner Harlow could be on the cards with the announcement of a new uniformed deterrent to anti-social behaviour in the town.

Harlow Council has employed a community safety officer as its latest weapon to spearhead the fight against a rash of environmental crime and bad behaviour.

James Dickinson will be a hands-on uniformed officer hoping to build stronger links with residents and help them to create a stronger sense of pride and local ownership.

His role, which is accredited under the Police Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, will also see him enforce powers for tackling fly-tipping, graffiti, vandalism and other criminal blights in specific areas.

The council has confirmed he will concentrate on single estates rather than whole wards, with his first target being Bush Fair.

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Essex folk, here is a glimpse from long
ago of Harry Baker.The cutting was sent to *Nostalgia* by his
son-in-law Colin Wright, of The Oxleys.
He said: "Harry lived in Harlow Tye all
his married life, but we think this was
taken before he was married when he
worked at Harlowbury Farm and lived
in Old Road."The photo was taken in the lane
running across the field to the side of
Gilden Way, looking back towards Old
Road. The gateway is leading into the
meadow behind The Oxleys with the
field we know as The Forebury, which is
beside Harlowbury Chapel, behind that."You can see in the background some of
the houses along Old Road. I stood in
the same place as where the
photographer must have stood and
there is hardly any difference."Revertex still
here, in a wayDNA Symes' 1959
photograph of Prince
Philip visiting Harlow
firm Revertex (*Nostalgia*,
March 27) prompted much
correspondence.First thing first, let's clear up
who actually appears in it:
talking to the Duke is Revertex
chairman Mr Scott, while
behind him is customer service
head Peter Sington.Cheryl Eagleson, who worked for
the company from 1964-2006,
joined too late to witness the visit
but recalls a visitors' book on
display complete with the Royal
signature."One story that was always told was
that the gents' toilet was
redecorated about a week before the
visit," she said. "It was then locked
up so that no-one could make it
dirty!""During the Royal visit, Prince
Philip needed to use the facilities
and someone ran ahead to unlockBy
BEN WILKINSONthe door. But the Duke saw what
happened and had great fun joking
about all the men being desperate to
use the lavatory."An even longer-serving Revertex
employee was Michael Yarrow, who
joined as a laboratory assistant in
1959 and didn't finally leave until
2005.He sets us straight: "Though your
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stream along with rubber
compounding."Mr Yarrow explained how the firm
expanded rapidly during the 1960s,launching joint ventures in
Malaysia, South Africa, New
Zealand, Australia and Portugal, and
setting up major manufacturing
plants on the Humber Estuary as
well as in Belgium, Wakefield and
East Kilbride."Ability and hard work were always
rewarded in those early days," he
recalled. "Many people stayed with
the company for long periods and
people who were prepared to go and
serve overseas found that such
service was part of the promotion
route to higher management."But what of Revertex today? The
firm is still present in Harlow,
although the name is not. Having
been acquired by Yule Catto during
the recession of the 1980s, the
Revertex site in Central Avenue
became known as the Harlow
Chemical Company - or Harco -
and now trades as Synthomer.But despite the change of identity,
at least Revertex - unlike so many
of Harlow's other original big
employers - is still here in one
guise or another.

ANGER OVER THE FENCE

A PETITION urging Harlow
Council to erect a fence
between Peacocks and
Seymours to stop vandalism
has sparked anger among
residents on both estates.The 30-name petition,
presented to councillor Paul
Davies last week, demanded
the fence to stop children
using the cycle track between
the estates.But Ann Strickfuss, who lives
next to the track, said: "My
sons go to school with
children from Seymours and I
certainly haven't found them
to be any more troublesome
than children from other
areas, including Peacocks."'SAVE OUR POST OFFICE'
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COLLEGE HEAD APPOINTED

THE principal of the new
Harlow Tertiary College has
been appointed by Essex
County Council.Michael Shoefield (40), now
vice-principal of Paddington
Technical College, London, will
start in September 1984 when
the tertiary college opens.FABULOUS NIGHT OF
STARSMONTHS of planning reached
a glittering finale on Sunday
when the Quest For A Test For
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Harlow Playhouse.The sparkling variety bill,
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Henderson and TV personality
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Bravery commendations for firefighters

TWO firefighters from Harlow have received commendations for bravery after they each put their life on the line to help others.

Retained firefighter Mark Roythorne rescued one of his neighbours after a fire broke out in her home and Kelvin Tuckwell fought to save a boy who fell to his death in Snowdonia National Park. Mr Roythorne, who is stationed at Old Harlow, was at home in Orchard Croft last October when a neighbour told him a house nearby was on fire. He broke down a double-glazed patio door and

dragged the female owner from her smoke-filled living room to safety. Mr Tuckwell and a friend struggled for 45 minutes to save 11-year-old Liam Costello, from Liverpool, who had fallen 100ft in Snowdonia National Park last October. They also called mountain rescue and erected a make-shift shelter to protect the group of walkers the boy was with until help arrived. Unfortunately, the boy died. The awards were presented at the Long Service and Good Conduct Awards Ceremony in Brentwood last Wednesday.



BRAVERY: Pictured are Kelvin Tuckwell, left, and Mark Roythorne (s)

Privatisised panto is end of an era

A FORMER arts chief fears the heart has been ripped out of one of the town's most community-centred, popular and lucrative events after a deal was struck to farm out this year's Playhouse pantomime to the private sector.

The annual show has been tendered out by Harlow

By JIM TANFIELD
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Council to New Pantomime Productions, which will take the reins for *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.

The production will now feature a cast of fully-paid professional adults, a chorus of 40 volunteering local children and a C-list celebrity – a novelty avoided by previous in-house producers to

keep it community-based.

In its previous productions, NPP have used soap actors such as *Emmerdale* stars Lisa Riley and Stuart Wade.

Former council arts manager Laurence Sach believes the move is ignoring the traditional community-focused heritage of the pantomime which used mostly unpaid locals with all profits going to the council.

"It's always been a community production on a huge scale and local audiences have responded to that," said Mr Sach, who left his post in 1999.

"It was well-known as the best example of a community pantomime in the country – you simply won't be able to go back and achieve that again now; it's lost. It simply doesn't make any economic sense to pay a full cast when there are willing amateurs who have always been superb, and ones who are local as well."

NPP director Simon Barry told the *Star* on Friday: "The panto will definitely have local content – following the panto's reputation, we can't simply walk in and say 'this is how it should be run'. Everyone is keen to keep up the success."

A week of matinees for schools has also been planned for December 15-19, but when the *Star* asked the council how it can justify using schoolchildren as volunteers during term-time to create profit for a private concern, no response was given.

However, a spokesman added: "There is an arrangement for the council to receive a share of the box office income."

"The arrangement is extremely good for a production of this sort and we expect the net income to the council to be at least the same as previous years."

Two charged in stabbing

A MAN has been left with serious injuries after being stabbed in Roydon.

The 56-year-old, now in a stable condition, was attacked in Old House Lane at about 9pm on Monday last week and was admitted to Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

A father and son were arrested the next day in connection with the incident, after the pair were tracked to the Eurostar

departure gate at London's St Pancras International.

Hasedh Ferjani (18) has since been charged with one count of grievous bodily harm with intent and Salah Ferjani (52) with one charge of assisting an offender.

Harlow Magistrates' Court remanded the men, who are both of no fixed address, in custody last Wednesday and ordered them to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court in late June.

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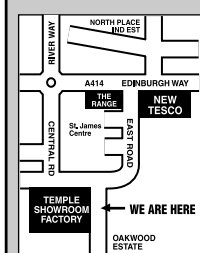


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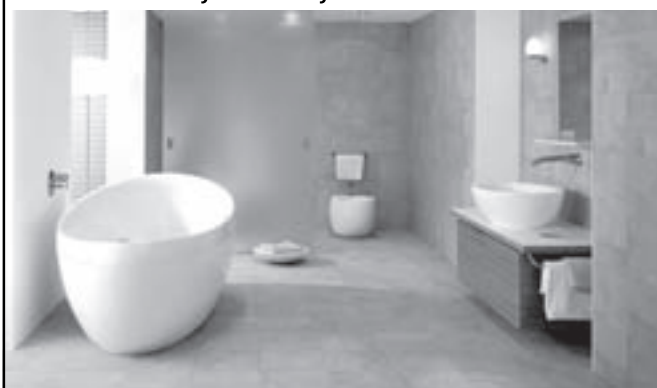
A HARLOW man is recovering from serious leg injuries following a head-on road crash on Sunday.

The collision happened in Water Lane at 6.15am when a silver Vauxhall Vectra car travelling towards Roydon and a white Ford Transit van travelling towards Harlow struck each other.

The car driver, a man in his 30s from Harlow, had to be cut free by firefighters and was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital with serious leg injuries.

The van driver, a man in his 30s from Ilford, was also taken to hospital but was discharged a short time later.

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Exchange project has a global feel

Scout and about on hike



TOUGH Scouts from Harlow's 2nd Great Parndon Troop braved inclement weather to complete a six-hour hike.

The group of 25, aged 10-14, walked 10 miles from their Risden Park base in Harlow to Gilwell Park, in Chingford, last Friday, carrying all their equipment including food and tents.

They camped at Gilwell, which is

REST STOP: Taking a break are, left to right, David Lynch, Adam Spencer and Daniel Stevenson (S)

the UK headquarters of the Scout Association.

Scout leader Nigel Apps said: "They all did an excellent job – there was no whinging about the weight of the rucksacks or the distance they had to cover!"

YOUNG people from Indonesia and different regions of the UK have arrived in Harlow as part of an exchange scheme which will see them volunteer on local projects and learn more about the world.

The group of 18, aged from 18-25, will work a combined 6,000 hours of voluntary service in Harlow and surrounding towns, helping out with community projects, charities, youth groups, disabled organisations and homeless shelters.

Already they have taken part in two multicultural arts days, celebrating the diversity of the Harlow community and involving Chinese, African and Native American groups at the Civic Centre.

The group is here as part of a programme called Global Xchange, a joint initiative by the British Council and Voluntary Service

Overseas. Last year, an exchange was carried out with Kenya.

Following the youngsters' three months here, they will travel to west Sumatra, in Indonesia, to undertake similar projects.

Programme supervisor Phil Hanks said: "Global Xchange is a fantastic opportunity for young people of all backgrounds to positively contribute to communities while also learning more about each other."

"Harlow is a diverse place and for the next three months we hope Indonesian culture will be a big part of that. We hope by being part of a cross-cultural exchange programme, our volunteers gain a greater understanding of the world around them."

The scheme is still looking for volunteers to host visitors for part of their stay. Anyone who can help should call Mr Hanks on 07968 099775.

For details about taking part in the Global Xchange scheme, visit www.globalxchange.org.uk.

Lung run success

BRITISH Lung Foundation activists played their part in making a fundraising event a big success.

The Essex Lung Run, which was held in Maldon last year, drew lung condition sufferers and their families from throughout the county – including members of the Harlow and Epping Breathe Easy Group, which meets on the first Monday of each month at 1pm in the Jack Silley Pavilion, Stonards Hill, Epping.

Now all sponsorship money is in and a total of £9,000 has been raised.

Organiser May Hamilton said: "All the money has gone to the British Lung Foundation which supports the one-in-seven people in the UK with a lung condition, whether it is mild asthma or lung cancer; the charity is there for everyone."

For more information on local Breathe Easy services, call Chris Carr on (01992) 573387.

Troops' free post

RESIDENTS are encouraged to support local service personnel stationed in Afghanistan by taking advantage of a free postal service.

Boxes of up to 2kg in weight can be sent out to Camp Bastion, in Helmand province, where members of the Royal Anglian Regiment are fighting.

Supplies in demand include sweets, books and toiletries – although aerosols, fragile items and perishable goods are not allowed to be sent.

Parcels should be sent to Surprise Supplies, The Quartermaster, Camp Bastion, BFPO 792. For more information, see www.bfpo.mod.uk.

Cat snap contest

CAT lovers have until Sunday to enter their photographs into a competition being run by the Harlow and Epping Forest Cats Protection League.

The competition is open to adults and children and there are prizes for different categories. For information, call Brenda Perridge on (01992) 522534.

Stroke awareness

HARLOW Tye Rotary Group is hosting a stroke awareness day at the Harvey Centre on April 26 from 10am-4pm.

Visitors can have their blood pressure taken by nurses from PAH's stroke unit as part of the free event.

Michael's honour

THE chairman of St Clare Hospice board of trustees has been appointed a deputy lieutenant of Essex.

Michael Chapman, who has been involved with a number of charities in the county for nearly 40 years, was granted the honour on Thursday.

His new role will see him assist the Lord Lieutenant in a variety of duties, including upholding the dignity of the Crown, arranging visits from the Royal Family and assisting in presenting medals on behalf of the Queen.

St Clare Hospice chief executive officer Richard Cowie said: "This is wonderful news that Michael has been recognised in this way for decades of commitment to the county and to charities within its community. We are delighted to have him as our chairman and grateful to him for giving so much of his time to our cause."

Fibromyalgia help

MEMBERS of Essex Fibromyalgia Support Group will be holding a coffee morning at the Rainbow Centre, in Wych Elm, Harlow, on May 12 from 9am-1pm to raise awareness of the debilitating musculoskeletal pain and fatigue condition.

Hospital radio goes on air for open day



BUDDING Bruno Brooks and wannabe Kid Jensens learnt the art of spinning discs and delivering cheesy links when Harlow Hospital Radio hosted its annual open day.

Volunteer staff from the station, which entertains patients and staff 24-hours-a-day at Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital, showed interested visitors how a studio works and what life is like at the sharp end of the broadcast

GOING LIVE: Lily Fuller in the studio with presenter Matthew Shaw (photo: H42MYP7M/03)

medium at the event on Saturday. Afterwards, organiser Aaron Page said: "The day went really well. The studio was very busy with lots of our members but also loads of new people as well. The day also proved popular with the little ones, which is always a good sign."

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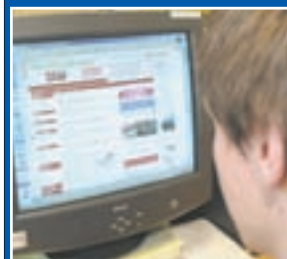
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Steel skeleton of new £25m sports centre rises

THE new £25m sports centre to be provided as part of the Harlow Gateway project began to take shape this week as work began on the building's steel structure.

Following groundworks which took place during the winter, contractor Leadbitter has been erecting the steel skeleton of the forthcoming state-of-the-art facility, due to open in autumn 2009.

Located on former Harlow College playing fields, the three-storey complex

will boast a 25m swimming pool, three covered tennis courts, eight badminton courts, a gym and a sports hall as well as a 510-space car park.

It is intended as a replacement for the existing Harlow Sportcentre, in Hammaraskjold Road, and the now-closed Harlow Pool, in First Avenue, and is part of the same scheme which has seen new housing built along Fifth Avenue.

"I am delighted that the new sports and

leisure centre is now taking shape," said Harlow MP Bill Rammell. "We are regenerating our sports and recreation facilities and providing homes that are needed."

A Harlow Gateway spokesman added: "When it is open, the sports and leisure centre will be one of the most modern facilities in the east of England region – it will be really special. This is something that has now been acknowledged by its inclusion in the official London 2012

Olympic guide.

"As the steel skeleton for the new leisure centre takes shape, you can see the physical signs of what the Gateway project is all about. It has already delivered the first in a series of new homes, a new football stadium and a new athletics track.

"These are bringing a tangible boost to Harlow and, with plenty more still to come, there's a real reason to celebrate this exciting regeneration in the town."

Screening will be among best in the county

A STATE-of-the art screening centre in Harlow has expanded its service to make it one of the best in Essex.

The groundbreaking cellular pathology department at Princess Alexandra Hospital already processes 70,000 cervical samples a year.

Now, thanks to new technology which makes samples easier to analyse, the programme based in The Michael Letcher Building will be able to process many more each year.

Dr Jolanta McKenzie, consultant pathologist and clinical director for pathology services, said: "We are delighted to have become the hub for cervical screening services in this part of Essex.

"The Liquid Based Cytology system has greatly enhanced our capabilities to provide rapid and extremely accurate test results for clinicians and their patients. We are now able to guarantee turnaround times within 48 hours."

The centre opened in January 2007 and processes samples from its own trust plus thousands more from Basildon and Thurrock Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

It is thought the new system, which uses liquid to rinse cells into a bottle of preserve, making them easier to analyse than cells smeared on traditional slides, will see thousands more cervical screening tests turned around with more accurate results.

'Tax change will hit poor' claim

HARLOW'S poorest families could lose up to £15 a week if the Government abolishes the 10p tax threshold, according to the town's Tory Parliamentary hopeful.

Robert Halfon has warned it will be those on the lowest income who will be hit hardest and has urged Harlow MP Bill Rammell to vote against the measure.

The 10p starting rate on income tax was introduced in the 1999 Budget as a tax break for the poorest working families, but now the Government faces rebellion within its own ranks as it attempts to make a U-turn.

"I am not surprised that so many Labour MPs are rebelling on this," said Mr Halfon. "It was bad enough that taxes went up in the Budget, but abolishing the 10p tax rate will hit low-paid Harlow working residents with a real whammy.

"Although some benefits have been adjusted to allow for this, many people entitled to tax credit are not taking it up. Single people and childless couples will suffer the most – such as sales assistants, who will pay an extra £227 in tax this year."

But Mr Rammell dismissed Mr Halfon's figures as "completely spurious", claiming the vast majority of residents will benefit from the changes.

"We as a Government have done more to help more people out of poverty than any other Government in 100 years," he said. "The 2008 Budget which comes into force this month will cut the basic rate of tax from 22p to 20p and will give higher tax allowances to the over-65s, as well as boosting family tax credits and child benefits."

MP helps to free gym users from contracts

By JIM TANFIELD

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DISGRUNTLED customers accusing a Harlow gym of bully-boy tactics have been helped by the town's MP to escape their contracts.

Seven members of Esporta, in The Water Gardens, had their contracts cancelled after intervention by Bill Rammell.

They have accused the gym of aggressive and unfair selling tactics – claims hotly disputed by the company.

These actions bring to nine the total number of Harlow Esporta cancellations brought about by Mr Rammell's involvement. He also helped two members have memberships cancelled last August following complaints.

The company has featured on the BBC's *Watchdog* consumer programme for not cancelling memberships despite promises to do so when a customer moved home or became ill.

"I am absolutely delighted I was able to push Esporta to give refunds back to my constituents," said Mr Rammell.

"Companies like Esporta need to take responsibility for the contracts they sell and the ability of those they register to afford the monthly fee. They also need to take a hard look at the provisions set within the contracts for cancellations.

"I recently met with the regional director of Esporta and I pushed him strongly to add a cooling-off period after joining and for it to be made easier for my constituents to leave their contracts. No amount of money can remedy the severe stress and inconvenience faced by these poor people, but I'm pleased that they will no longer have to deal with this inefficient, unprincipled company."

An Esporta spokesman claimed all contracts comply with consumer legislation and said: "We are very disappointed with Mr Rammell's remarks about Esporta Harlow, which we felt overlooked the overwhelming majority of satisfied members. We have over 2,500 members at the club, with many joining and leaving each year – the small number that has come to Mr Rammell's attention is only a fraction."

Beloved pet feared stolen for breeding



UPSET: Above, Jody Aliperti and Charliejay (photo: ZW3J979N/04); inset, Blue (S)

A CAT-owner is distraught after callous thieves snatched her beloved pet just yards from her front door.

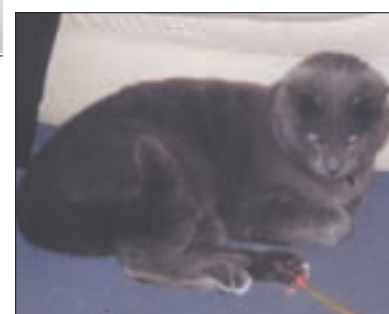
Jody Aliperti (29), of Longbanks, is now offering a reward for the safe return of the male British blue, which neighbours saw being bundled into a small silver car – partial index number EO06 – by two women last Tuesday afternoon.

The woman driving was white, had shoulder-length blonde hair and was aged in her 20s. The second was also white, aged about 40, had cropped dark hair and wore a short black skirt and black top.

The missing cat – named Blue – was wearing a sky blue diamante collar. He has a grey/blue coat with a brown smudge above his right eye, and has white colourings on the front of both back paws.

Mrs Aliperti, whose daughter Charliejay (9) has also been left distressed by theft, thinks her cat was taken for breeding because of his pedigree credentials – but pointed out that the four-year-old has been neutered.

She told the Star: "I just want the people responsible for taking him to find it in their heart to return him to



the middle of Longbanks where he was taken from, or hand him in to a local vets – my family and daughter are distraught at losing him."

Anyone with information can contact Mrs Aliperti on (01279) 860560 or 07932 672634.

Motorcyclist (26) dies after road crash

A FATHER-to-be from Harlow has died following a road accident on a busy stretch of the A414 on Tuesday.

David Westall (26), pictured right, was riding his black Yamaha motorbike on the A414 Greenbury Way, in Chelmsford, on Tuesday when it was in collision with a red Honda Jazz car shortly before 3.30pm.

He was airlifted to

Harlow's Princess Alexandra Hospital but died a short time later. The driver of the car, an 80-year-old woman, was treated for minor injuries.

Mr Westall, of Park Mead, was a biking enthusiast and member of the Essex Outlaws. He was engaged to be married and had a child on the way.

A friend, who did not wish to be identified, said: "Dave had his whole life to look for-

ward to. He was engaged to Zoe, whom he loved very much. She was also pregnant with his child and he was so looking forward to the birth.

"He was the kind of person who was always trying to make people laugh. He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends."

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Family Announcements

Deaths

LILY BRACEWELL

Passed away 10th April after a brave battle with Cancer. An amazing woman who lived life to the full and more. She will be sorely missed by Peter, Helen and all of her family and friends.

Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium, Harlow on Wednesday 23rd April at 12.30. Flowers or donations (Cancer Research) welcome c/o Daniel Robinson, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth. Tel: 01279 722476

OLIVE MAY EVE

(May) Peacefully at home on Friday 11th April aged 87 years. Now reunited with her beloved Len. The much loved mother of Ann and Gill and a dearly loved grandmother and great grandmother. All enquiries please telephone Daniel Robinson & Sons, Bishop's Stortford 655477

VICTOR JOHNSON

Passed away peacefully on 9th April. A very special, loving husband to Pat and Dad to Paul, Neil and his daughter-in-law Loraine. A perfect son-in-law to Dolly.

A service in celebration of his life on Tuesday 22nd April at 12 noon at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for equipment for Oncology Unit at Gaylen House, cheques to 'The Gaylen House Nurses Fund' to Daniel Robinson, Harlow

BREDA MARIE MAY

Breda's funeral service is to be held on Friday 18th April, 2008 at Harlow Baptist Church, Fore Street, Old Harlow, at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at Parndon Wood Crematorium. Enquiries and flowers to Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. Tel: 01279 626238.

PATRICK JOSEPH McKEOWN

Peacefully in Scarletts Residential Home, Colchester on 8th April, 2008, aged 81 years. The beloved husband of Kathleen, a dear Dad to Caroline, Theresa, Coleen and Sean. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. R.I.P. Patrick was laid to rest today in the Sawbridgeworth Cemetery. Arrangements by Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. Tel: 01279 626238.

GWENDOLINE KENNEDY

Sadly passed away after a short illness at Epping Hospital on 7th April, aged 84 years. A special mum to daughter Janet, son-in-law Mick and grandsons Keith and Neil. The funeral will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on 18th April, 3pm

Peacefully in St Margarets Hospital, Epping on 8th April 2008. The dear husband of Ida, dad to Alfred and David. Alf's funeral has taken place. Arrangements by Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. Tel: 01279 626238

HENRY MEAD

Grandad, we are really going to miss you. Lots and lots of love and kisses Rebecca and James xx

HENRY MEAD

Dad, you were taken from us too early. You were my rock and I will miss you so very much. Love you Dad. God Bless. Sandra xx

HENRY MEAD

Dad, you were my rock throughout my life and I will miss you with all my heart. There will never be a day when you will not be in my thoughts. Your loving daughter Helen and grandchildren Austin, Curtis, Travis xxxxx

HENRY MEAD

To Grandad, always in my heart and never be forgotten. Love Jordan. xxx.

HENRY MEAD

To a wonderful father who sadly passed away 8th April, 2008. We will miss you so very much and never forget you. Love always Julie and Robert. xxxxxx.

HENRY MEAD

(Dad) The dearly loved father of Robert, Helen, Sandra and Julie passed away peacefully on 08.04.08 aged 76 years, he will be dearly remembered and sadly missed by all his family and friends. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 22nd April at 2pm at Parndon Wood Crematorium. All enquiries to Daniel Robinson at Wych Elm, Harlow. Telephone 426990.

ALFRED EDWARD WHIGHT

Peacefully in St Margarets Hospital, Epping on 8th April 2008. The dear husband of Ida, dad to Alfred and David. Alf's funeral has taken place. Arrangements by Masterson Funeral Home, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. Tel: 01279 626238

In Memoriam

AVIS. — Roy. Happy birthday Darling for the 19th. Miss you so much. All my love, Eunice. xxxxx

LEE CLARK

27/09/1981-22/04/2007 I cannot believe one year has passed. I miss you more and more each day. Sweet dreams darling, meet you in them. I Love You and always will. Anna - Your Princess xxx

BRIAN EVANS

Remembering you with love and affection. Sue, Sam, Kelly, David, Shannon and Tyler x

FENTIMAN. — Bill. 22nd April. Another birthday without you but will never forget the good times we had together which helps you to survive. Lots of love always, Edie.

CHARLIE GEE

Two years have passed but still missing you every day. All my love Maureen. xx

CHARLIE GEE

18-4-06 Dad/Grandad Another year has passed and we still miss and think of you everyday. All our love Jacqueline, Nicola, Michael and families xxx

FRANK MAYCOCK

Sending you our very special love on your birthday, the 17th of April. We all miss you so very much. Our thoughts are with you every day. All our love, God bless From all the family xxx

JOHN MORRIS

19/04/2001 Remembered and loved always by all. Margaret and family x

MAY SMITHERS

April 15th, 2004 If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. It broke my heart to lose you Mum, I still cry every day, our family is broken Mum and nothing is the same. I am all alone without you Mum and cannot stand the pain, I wish that God would change his mind and send you back again. Your loving daughter, Shirley

TRACEY. — Tina. Happy birthday on the 18th April. Still miss you. Love Maggie. x

In memory CHARLIE WOOD

22nd April 2006 No matter how we spend our time, no matter what we do, there is always a longing in our hearts for yesterday and you. Thinking of you today, tomorrow and always. Love Marge, Carol, Margaret and all the family xxx

Return Thanks

FULLER

Jean and family are grateful to all those who attended Gordon's funeral and for all the cards and kind thoughts that we have received at this sad time.

KELLY. — John P. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all friends, neighbours and relatives for their support at this sad time. Many people sent cards, flowers and Mass cards, donations to Pater Noster House, where John received such loving care during his illness. Thanks to Father Bogner for a beautiful service, to Daniel Robinson for all their help and being so caring. From Teresa, family and Grandchildren.

THELMA MARGARET PEACOCK

Alan, Rosemary and Maurice, would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kindness, messages of sympathy and support at a very sad time. Grateful thanks also to the staff at Keefields Care Home and Netteswell Rectory for all the love and care given to Thelma during her years with them. Special thanks to Rev'd Mark Bennet for a wonderful service and to Sandra Wilson and Michael Pinnock.

FAMILY NOTICES

Births, Marriages, Deaths, etc.

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Births

IT'S A BOY

HORNETT William Iain
Born 25th March 2008 in Denmark to Iain and Kristina, formerly of Broadleaf Avenue, Bishop's Stortford. A brother for Thomas and Alexander

IT'S A GIRL

MEKNI AMI and TARAK
Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful daughter Amelia, born 10.4.08. With lots of love Mum and Dad xx

Birthday

Happy BIRTHDAY

SHIRLEY CLARKSON

Happy Birthday Love Martyn, Wendy, Siobhan, Lin, Jedd and Nicki

CLARKSON. — Shirley. Happy 72nd Big Nanny. Love from Ryan, Lacey and Bump. xxxxx

CLARKSON. — Shirley. Happy Birthday. Have a nice day. Love from Ray. xxxxx

1st Birthday

HILL. — Georgie. 1st birthday. Our beautiful baby boy and cute brother, we love you more than the world. Hugs and kisses. Mummy, Daddy and Lily. xxxxx

13th Birthday



ELLIS SMELLIS
Happy 13th Birthday. Lots of love, Mum, John and Bubba.

6th Birthday

ZETA EVANS 6 YEARS



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Family Announcements

16th Birthday

SOPHIE MILES



Happy 16th Birthday
20th April.
Love you loads, Mum, Jon, Nan and Grandad and Lady
xxxxx



LUCY DREW

Happy 21st Birthday
Lucy, 17th April.
All our love.
Dad, Kim, Cathy, Gary, Laura, Nan, Sue, Kev, Steve, Lucy and Sam.
xxx

40th Birthday

WHO'S 40 THEN?



MICHELLE CLARKE
nee Steggle
Happy 40th
Love from Dad and Kevin



ROBERT WEEMES

Happy 40th Birthday Rob
Love from Mum and Dad, Lisa, Darcie, Harry and Sydney, Graham, Beverly, George and Ruby, Gordon, Cath, Steven, Martin and Tracy

50th Birthday



STEPHEN EMERSON

Happy 50th Birthday to a wonderful husband and great dad.
We love you loads.
Di, Gary and Hayden xxx

18th Birthday



Happy 18th LEE GREGORY

Love from Mum, Neil, and Sam.



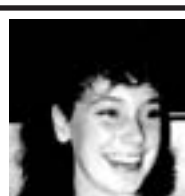
JAMIE MANNIFIELD

Happy 18th Birthday, 19th April. Lots of love Mum and Pete xxx



JEMMA

Happy 21st Birthday Sis.
Love from Joanne and Billie
xx



DIANNE

Happy 40th Birthday
Love Mum, Dad, Gina, Dave, Luke and Emma xxxx

Forthcoming Marriages

JILLIAN FOSKETT AND GEORGE HUDSON

Have pleasure in announcing their wedding,
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LEE GREGORY

Happy 18th Birthday 18th April.
Lots of love Dad and Lorraine. xxx.



LAUREN WILKINSON

Have a brilliant 18th Loz. Love ya loads, Mum, Dad, Stacey, Jack and all the family.



JEMMA KENNEDY

Happy 21st.
Love always Mum x



LOOK WHO'S 40! DIANNE G

Happy Birthday
Lots of love Colin, Jade, Hannah, Leah, Ted and Missy xxx

Personal Thanks

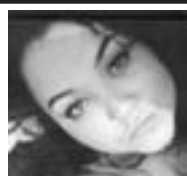
Thankyou

Thanks to Steve, Julie, Scoop, Hayley, Phillip, Tyler, Stephen, Dhani for making my 50th Birthday the best ever.
Love
Nanny Controller xx



DARREN SELKIRK

Happy Birthday.
Love Jackie, Howard, Debbie and Family.



Happy 21st KNICKERS
Hope you have a massive mash up.
Love from your Telesys Girls.
Tracey, Leanne, Joe and Laura.



FIONA LIVENS

Happy 21st Birthday.
Hope it's special.
Love Mum, Dad, Dominic and Nan.

Forthcoming Marriages



JODIE KNIGHT

15th April 08
Happy 18th birthday Jode. Have a great party.
All our love. Mum, Dad, Joshie, Libby, Sam, Lady and Ted.
xx

KNIGHT. — Jodie. Congratulations on your 18th Birthday. Love, Nan, Chris, Del, Kel, Aimz, Lols and Joe. xx



LAUREN WILKINSON

Wishing you all my love on your 18th. Lots of love Grandma.

21st Birthday

21st Birthday Wishes



To our special Daughter
KATIE ROSANNA DEARDS
Have a fantastic day. x



CORALIE STEINGOLD

Happy 21st Birthday, 23rd April 2008
Love from Mum, Dad and Nan xxx



MARLER : THURGOOD

We would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of Tracy Louise Thurgood to Paul William Marler on Saturday 19th April 2008.
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MUM

Happy Birthday Rose Lucas

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A beacon for disruption



THE Olympic Games should be a reason for billions of people around the globe to celebrate coming together through sport – so why has the traditional journey of the torch for China's games caused so many problems?

China's capital city Beijing is hosting this year's games, four years before it is the turn of London in 2012.

Thousands of athletes from hundreds of different countries will be running, jumping, swimming, throwing and aiming for glory.

But you may have seen former Blue Peter presenter Konnie Huq being shouted at in the streets of London for carrying a key

symbol of the games – the Olympic Torch.

Many people think that China doesn't treat all of its citizens very well; this is what is known as 'human rights abuses', such as not letting people have the right to say what they want or locking them up for daring to criticise their government and the way it behaves.

China has also said it owns the neighbouring country of Tibet, home to the peace-loving Buddhist monks, and is treating all non-Chinese residents there like lesser people and stripping away their rights.

It is for China's behaviour in this respect that the passage of the Olympic Torch has proved to be so controversial and problematic, with people who don't like the way the country conducts itself attempting to disrupt the Olympics to draw world attention to their concerns.

It can only be hoped that as well as giving the less fortunate people of the world something to enjoy, the games and the protests surrounding them will be a reminder to China's politicians that they should change the way they do things.

Happy Birthday

TODAY

JAMES (member 328), of Spinning Wheel Mead, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers; **HOLLY** (member 639), of Seymours, Harlow, is 10

FRIDAY

SADIE (member 317), of Orchard Croft, Harlow, is 8

SATURDAY

MAX (member 316), of Heathcote Gardens, Harlow, is 12 and retires from Rangers; **CALLUM** (member 139), of The Chantry, Harlow, is 11; **AMY** (member 925), of Fir Park, Harlow, is 5

SUNDAY

EMILY (831), of Hampton Gardens, Sawbridgeworth, is 11; **LEE** (member 570), of Tithelands, Harlow, is 7; **LOUIS** (member 627), of Kingsland, Harlow, is 4

MONDAY

MICHAEL (member 629), of Centre Avenue, Epping, **BRENDA** (member 511), of Aylets Field, Harlow, and **SHANNON** (member 004), of Lower Meadow, Harlow, are all 11; **JACK** (member 166), of Ashworth Place, Harlow, is 10; **JOSEPH** (member 622), of Ridgeways, Harlow, and **JOSHUA** (member 851), of Longfield, Harlow, are 4

TUESDAY

HARRY (member 405), of Hookfield, Harlow, is 11; **HARRISON** (member 722), of Westbury Rise, Harlow, is 5

WEDNESDAY

AMY (member 238), of The Hornbeams, Harlow, **MATTHEW** (member 617), of Bentley Drive, Harlow, and **CHRISTOPHER** (member 623), of Woodhall, Harlow, are all 9; **BROOKE** (member 848), of Stile Croft, Harlow, is 2

New recruits

OLIVER (member 931), of Spring Hills, Harlow, is 11 months old. He enjoys musical instruments and bouncing.

KAI (member 932), is 2. He likes trains, cars and aeroplanes.

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Rangers Fact File

NAME: Joshua (member 851)
DATE OF BIRTH: April 21, 2004

ADDRESS: Longfield, Harlow
SCHOOL: Starts at William Martin Junior in September
HOBBIES: Playing with toy cars

DISLIKES: Going to bed
FAVOURITE FOOD: McDonald's
LEAST FAVOURITE FOOD:

Spicy food
FAVOURITE BOOK: Cars
FAVOURITE TV: Cars
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything he can dance to!
FAMILY: Jasmine (13)
PETS: Brandi the dog, hamsters Pepper and Stripy
WANTS TO BE: A racing car driver

(photo: JWXFDMLV/05)

Danielle snaps up success



HARLOW COLLEGE: A college student was snap-happy when she received a special birthday surprise after taking a winning picture which featured on the cover of a new magazine.

Student Danielle Nogue scooped the first prize for her photograph *The Principles of Success* on the day she turned 20. Her picture was published

SNAP DECISION: Pictured, left to right, are runner-up Jason Hattrell, faculty head Paul Marsh, magazine editor Sally MacKeown and winner Danielle Nogue (photo: MXP/SLKH/02)

on the front page of Essex magazine *Fourteen2Nineteen*.

"It was a fun competition, but I was a bit shocked to win it really!" said Danielle. "I have never won any competition before, certainly not a photographic one."

The magazine's editor, Sally MacKeown, added: "We were quite taken aback by the quality of the entries. We had asked the entrants to use their creativity, skill and imagination to portray success, and they certainly all did."



RUN FOR FUN: Pictured, left to right, are Jessica Lewis, Harley Payton, Amy Bottonley and Kirsty Davis (photo: NDS/JTKGK/05)

Dress that puts fun into run

BRAYS GROVE: Gorillas chasing Elvis being hotly pursued by Mr Blobby and Superman could be seen around Harlow when the Tracys Road school held its last ever charity fun run.

The entire Year 11 set off on the run from the school to the town centre and back again, dressed as weird, wacky and wonderful characters from television, film

and their own inventive imaginations.

Deputy headteacher Anthony Swift said: "The weather was very cold and very wet; nevertheless the citizens of Harlow dug deep and their generosity raised £445."

The school also held a sponsored car wash as well as a staff karaoke party, which boosted the coffers up to £800 for St Clare Hospice.



WELCOME TO SCHOOLBAG

This week, a HARLOW COLLEGE student finds her work gracing the cover of a magazine; pupils at BRAYS GROVE dressed to the nines for a charity run; young historians at BURNT MILL took a close look at the reality of the First World War; and tots at RUM TUM TUGGERS DAY NURSERY learned why it's so important to keep their teeth clean and healthy.

JIM TANFIELD
Schoolbag reporter

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Historians research horrors of war



WAR TIME: Pictured are, left to right, Laurie James, Harry Martin, Michael Weber, James Young, Jack Gregory and Jim Lidster-Browne (photo: CH3J7KDV/04)

BURNT MILL: The horrors of the First World War were brought home to history students from the First Avenue school. The gifted and talented group set up a temporary exhibition in The Museum Of Harlow, in Muskham Road.

The displays focused on how Harlow and its residents were affected by the conflict, which lasted from 1914-18.

School head of history Emma Barrett said: "The students have enjoyed the experience of creating real history about people who lived in their hometown."

"This exhibition has given them an opportunity to show their great ability as historians."

The whole tooth and nothing but!

RUM TUM TUGGERS DAY NURSERY:

Pearls of wisdom about their pearly whites were passed on to youngsters at the Riddings Lane nursery.

Smiles The Crocodile popped in to teach the children how to keep their teeth and gums healthy.

Each child was given their own toothbrush and after their lunch break they were shown how to brush properly.

Co-owner Hayley Martin-Burns said: "If children in nursery develop an understanding of good dental health practices, then they will take this with them through their childhood and into adult life."

Pictured are, left to right, Elise Smart, Jasmine Boyton and Matthew Kirby.

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SMALL GRANTS / START UP GRANTS 2007/8

Harlow Council provides financial support to local voluntary organizations through its grant aid process. Financial support may only be given to local (Harlow based) organisations that are properly constituted; have an elected committee; hold a bank account in the name of the organisation; are non-political; and have, or are working towards, an equal opportunities policy.

Individuals are not eligible.

The Council is not able to fund political groups or campaigns.

Organisations are invited to apply for a grant of up to a maximum of £500 for a 'Small Grant' for established groups or up to a maximum of £100 for a 'Start Up Grant' for new groups.

Priority will be given to organisations:

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 - o A prosperous community
 - o Decent affordable homes
 - o A caring community with a higher quality of life.
- Whose activities provide additionality i.e. they do not duplicate the work being undertaken by the Council or any other agency, but are complementary

The closing date for the next round of applications is 30th May 2008

For further information or an application form, email angela.street@harlow.gov.uk, download via www.harlow.gov.uk or telephone Angela Street, Administration Co-ordinator on 446302.

Harlow Council
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Windfall cash should 'go to small firms'

A SURPRISE grant potentially worth thousands of pounds to businesses has been received by Harlow Council.

Due to poor local business growth, the council had forecast it would receive nothing in the Government's Local Authority Business Growth Incentive.

A figure of 'nil' was put in the forecast column where last year the council received £454,616, but members will now have to decide how to spend the windfall of £27,854.

Regional Federation of Small Businesses chairman Bill Pirie has called on the authority to put the money directly into local businesses to ensure larger grants in the future.

"FSB representatives are keen to work with local councillors and other representatives of the business community to develop schemes which use the money to help local businesses without committing the councils to ongoing expenditure in future years," he said.

"We are particularly keen to support projects which help reduce levels of crime against businesses in Harlow and hope that Harlow Council will be willing to work with us to get maximum benefit for the business community from these grants."

Agents urge calm over house fears

Jennie's Cuba challenge



A MOBILE cosmetics consultant from Epping scaled dizzying heights to raise £2,695 for a national children's charity.

Jennifer Gunnell (22), of Theydon Park Road, works for Virgin Vie At Home and took part in a gruelling 10-day Cuban challenge to raise money for CLIC Sargent, the UK's leading children's cancer charity. She joined other Virgin Vie

BUILDING BRIDGES: Jennie Gunnell, fourth from left, and team mates on the trek (s)

consultants to cover 75km from Havana to Trinidad in tropical temperatures and trekking through rough terrain and coffee plantations.

If you would like to make a contribution, visit www.justgiving.com/jenniegunnell.

IF you are trying to buy or sell property with the housing market apparently tumbling, the message from Harlow estate agents is that it's not all doom and gloom.

As the national media frenzy about falling house prices reached fever pitch, Alan Howick, owner of Howick & Brooker, cautioned that the situation is not as bad as it might seem.

He said the current decline is inevitable after the unrealistic rises in house prices of recent years, but believes there are not enough experienced estate agents in the business to recognise it.

"It's quite simple, really – what goes up must come down, and that's what we're seeing," he said. "I know of some areas in Harlow where prices have dropped by as much as 20 per cent, but when we've been living in a housing bubble for the last few years it's always been inevitable that bubble would have to burst."

He added that sellers using an estate agent who would not over-value properties just to curry favour need not worry about the current climate – and reminded

By **CHRIS MOSS**
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homeowners that negative equity was only a major concern if they were looking to sell.

"What is important for despairing sellers to remember is that drops in value are relative," he said. "If the value of their house has suddenly dropped by 10 per cent, for example, it's likely that the property they want to buy has dropped by a similar percentage."

Richard James, proprietor of James & Co in The Stow, said: "I don't really see it as a housing problem – it's more of a lending problem. The mortgage lenders were giving out money far too cheaply and easily, and now they've been forced to tighten their belts and cherry-pick the best customers, which is creating a lot of problems for first-time buyers."

Juliette Rainbird, a partner at Guardian estate agency, in The High, added: "The market's certainly worse than it was 12 months ago, but there are still plenty of people wanting to buy and sell. The main problem at the moment is the difficulty buyers are having in securing a mortgage."

Harvey's rise in shoppers bucks trend

SHOPPERS are continuing to flock to Harlow's Harvey Centre as it bucks the national trend for decreasing footfall.

Despite many experts predicting a bleak financial and economic outlook for the year ahead, consumers in Harlow seem quite willing to spend at the centre.

According to the Springboard High Street Index, research shows a national average drop in retail footfall of 4.7 per cent in February – but the number of shoppers visiting the Harvey Centre actually shot up by five per cent in the same month.

During the first three months of 2008, the centre welcomed 3.2 million customers through its doors – an impressive 6.2 per cent increase over the same period in 2007.

Centre manager Bryan Young expressed his delight at the figures: "The quality of our retail mix is clearly important. We have a good mix of High Street multiples and independent retailers within our portfolio."

Town centre development manager Richard Dennerly agreed: "The continuing success of the Harvey Centre in attracting shoppers suggests they have got a very strong mix of shops and a positive marketing effort."

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STREETS OF STRIFE

Keanu Reeves is an LA cop up to his chin in corruption

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Anne's work seeks the structures under life

ART, mathematics and nature collide in the latest exhibition in Harlow's Gallery At Parndon Mill.

The gallery, off Elizabeth Way, is showcasing the prints and paintings of mathematician-cum-artist Anne Daniels in *A Blot Is The Landscape*, in which natural yet complex irregularities in the world around us are explored.

Gallery owner Sally Anderson said: "Anne has recently studied a new extremely visual geometry, called fractal geometry, which describes nature's complexity, irregularity and fragmentation.

"In the body of work on exhibition she focuses on abstraction, not by simplification but by complication, and also investigates the structure of nature using controlled accident such as blots of ink or paint."

The free exhibition is sponsored by Architecture and Design Services and runs until May 11. For further information, call the gallery on (01279) 426042.



THE STRANGE GEOMETRY OF NATURE:

Artist Anne Daniels in the gallery with some of her work
(photo: TXJBKYZG/03)

arts diary

MUSIC Harlow Music Society will be playing host to the Three Valley's Choir tonight (Thursday) at 8pm, the GPCA, Abercrombie Way. Guest's tickets are priced £5.50 from (01279) 302115.

MUSIC Take one flared jumpsuit, add a cape and mix in some of the best-loved pop songs of all time and you have the perfect Elvis tribute night out when Billy J McGregor is in the building tomorrow (Friday). The King's Hound Dog, Jailhouse Rock and Suspicious Minds can all be enjoyed at The Playhouse from 8pm. Tickets are £15.50 (£13.50 concs) from (01279) 431945.

ART Former Burnt Mill teacher Richard Brown is exhibiting his art works at St John's ARC, off Market Street, Old Harlow, free until Sunday week.

MUSIC Brave and talented youngsters from the area will be facing an audience and a panel of experts in the Rotary Club's *Young Musician Of The Year* contest. Strings, vocal, accordion, brass, woodwind and piano skills will all be put to the test at The Playhouse on Saturday. The winners of each age group will receive £250. The performances start at 7pm and tickets are £10 (£8 concs) from (01279) 431945.

DANCE The fourth outing for Harlow's own hip-hop troupe takes place 12-years in the future – next Wednesday! Hip Hop Pop's futuristic show *2020* sees a return to The Playhouse for the crew, with its usual brand of high-energy dance-offs. Tickets for the show, which runs until next Saturday, begin at £12 (£10 concs) from (01279) 431945.

COMEDY Harlow's Gag Club returns with four more seasoned comedians next Friday at Harlow Town Football Club at 7.30pm. Mary Bourke, Cole Parker, Jay Sodagar and Paul F Taylor make up the bill and tickets are £10 (£12 on the door) from 07704 134144.

Hay Fever is a blast of pure theatrical comedy



By
JIM TANFIELD

HARLOW Theatre Company takes on flappers, feisty females and farce in one of the 20th century's best-loved comedies.

Noel Coward penned *Hay Fever* when England was only beginning to throw off the shackles of the corseted Victorian era, when the sight of a naked table leg would send gentlemen into amorous fits of pique.

The comedy of manners is based on a trip Coward took to a Bohemian Thames-side estate in 1925, home of retired actress Laurette Taylor and her dysfunctional and avant garde family.

On return to his study, Coward took just three days to write what is often thought to be the play which set the precedent for his inimitable style spawning the likes of *Blithe Spirit* and his screenplay for romantic favourite *Brief Encounter*.

"It's just pure entertainment which you just cannot take too seriously," said director Brenda Jones, when asked why she was so fond of the play.

"The company needed some balance as the other two productions being started at the moment are quite different.

"When Coward was recalling his time in the actress' home, where he played lots of silly games, he included lots of Bohemian play acting which is, of course, still very funny."

The play centres on the home of the Bliss family, retiring actress Judith (Simone Perry) and her novelist husband David (Martin Bedwell) and their



GAME FOR LAUGHS: Pictured taking a break during rehearsals are, left to right, Sophie Lloyd, Martin Bedwell, Greg Baxter and Simone Perry
(photo: RP4SD7GT/04)

two debauched children Sorrel and Simon (HTC newcomers Sophie Lloyd and Greg Baxter).

Three guests find themselves caught up in the blurred lines between fiction and reality as Mr Bliss places his houseguests – a shy flapper, a boxer, a diplomat and a fashionable sophisticate – in several strange situations and, unbeknown to them, observes their reactions for inclusion in his

new book.

"Rehearsals are going really well and after some last-minute polishing it will be a really fun and entertaining production," added Brenda.

● *HAY Fever* is being performed from next Thursday until Saturday week, with the curtain going up at 8pm. Tickets cost £7.50 (£6 concs) from (01279) 420062.

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Vice cop makes waves in a sea of corruption



ON THE EDGE:
Keanu Reeves stars in
STREET KINGS (S)

ALTHOUGH Keanu Reeves is undoubtedly among the poorest actors of his generation, his Teflon-coated marketability somehow remains intact as he stumbles from one turkey to the next.

Whatever Keanu is in, from the improbable surfing cop heroics of *Point Break* through to the sham-mysticism and fancy camerawork of the *Matrix* trilogy, his loyal fanbase stays fiercely protective of their deadpan hero and trudge down the local multiplex in droves whenever his name is on the bill.

So no doubt his latest gung-ho action role will achieve similarly massive box office takings while once again leaving critics scratching their heads and grinding their teeth.

STREET KINGS

certificate 15, running time 1h 49m

Heavy-handedly adapted from an original story by low-life laureate James Ellroy, the film centres on Detective Tom Ludlow (Reeves), your archetypal jaded veteran cop whose work on the LAPD vice squad begins to slide after the death of his wife.

Transformed into the sort of chap who sleeps with a bottle of whiskey under his pillow, wakes up, hurls and then goes to work without even cleaning his teeth, Ludlow's carelessness soon sees him implicated in the gangland-style execution of his former vice squad partner, Detective Terrance Washington (Terry Crews). Soon, Ludlow is predictably careering around town like *Serpico* with an attitude problem,

desperate to avenge his mate's death and clear his own name, but is confronted with corruption at every turn – even from within his own department.

Meanwhile, Forest Whitaker hams it up in his own inimitable way as Ludlow's dodgy supervisor, Captain Wander, who is largely preoccupied with keeping him working within the confines of the law while protecting him from the snoops at Internal Affairs (represented by the marvellous Hugh Laurie).

Whatever your take on Reeves, who seems to play exactly the same character in every movie he's ever starred in (with the honourable exception of *Bill And Ted's Excellent Adventure*), look upon this as gritty popcorn fare for adrenaline-addled adults and you probably won't be disappointed.



Treasure hunt on the trail of light romance

FOOL'S GOLD

certificate 12A, running time 1h 52m

SELF-styled Hollywood bad boy Matthew McConaughey, *pictured above*, is reunited with former on-screen love interest Kate Hudson in this severely misguided attempt to mix soppy romantic comedy with treasure-hunting action thrills.

The perma-tanned pair's on-screen chemistry may have been the only thing propping up saccharine teen comedy *How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days*, but their latest double-act is more Cannon and Ball than Bogart and Bacall.

McConaughey plays washed-up surfer dude cum treasure-seeker Ben Finnegan, an irritatingly gnarly beach bum obsessed with tracking down the legendary 18th century Queen's Dowry – 40 chests of exotic treasure lost at sea in 1715.

Hudson, meanwhile, is his estranged wife Tess, who became fed up with her husband ploughing all his time and money into vain expeditions and is busy building a new life aboard millionaire businessman Donald Sutherland's fancy yacht.

But when Ben stumbles across new evidence hinting at the whereabouts of his fabled treasure, he begs her for one last chance and manages to blag passage on the same yacht, where he pitches his expedition idea to the mega-rich tycoon, winning his trust and the use of the vessel in return for a cut of the spoils.

All of this, of course, allows our impossibly beautiful leading couple to prance around with next-to-nothing on while frolicking in the surf – none of which should disappoint most, as it's surely the main draw of the movie in the first place.

But as is often the case, the appearance of Ray Winstone (as rival Moe Fitch) brings its own complications and sends the film into a madcap, *Wacky Races*-style chase for the elusive prize – the exact whereabouts and existence of which remain far from certain itself.

sound check with Chris Moss

UNASHAMEDLY taking their cues from sadly defunct post-punk rabble-rousers The Libertines, the four precocious young scallywags that are East Herts' finest The Stubbs take the tried and tested, three-chord punk-pop formula and gleefully reinvent it for the *Skins* generation.

Reminding us why everyone with a functioning pair of ears simultaneously swooned at the release of *Up The Bracket* back in the balmy summer of 2002, they blend impossibly catchy hooks with rapier wit and a nice line in self-deprecation to create amped-up, adrenaline-fuelled pogo-pop.

But these gents aren't just some shoddy, two-bit tribute act for desperate nu-rock revolution revivalists – they can more than hold their own with today's heavyweights.

Listen to the schizophrenic, stop-start shenanigans of *All For One, One For All* or sit back and heed the cautionary punk paean to self-destruction *Johnny* – either way, you can't argue with melodies as effortlessly infectious.

For those of you who haven't managed to catch them live yet, it just so happens they're coming to Club Quattro tomorrow (Friday) at 9pm. You lucky lot ...

Band: The Stubbs
From: Hoddesdon/Ware
Who they?: Thorny (guitar/vocals), Ollie Trickett (guitar/vocals), Pete Turner (bass), Matt Francis-Mountford (drums)
Sounds like: The Libertines fiddling with the pre-amps at a Kinks gig
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gig guide

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CHEQUERS, Market Street, Old Harlow – Stuart James Mitchell

CD reviews by Louise

FUNPLEX

The B52s (album, Man-Woman Together)

If the horrible *Love Shack* had you retching into the pockets of your elastic-waisted, stonewashed jeans as you headed for the emergency exit at the school disco, best leave this well alone. And if you thought the nadir for this band of throwbacks – who, by the way, hail from the same town as demigods REM – was *Meet the Flintstones*, then think again. They haven't moved on an inch from their acid-bite vocals and woefully trite lyrics and, yes, the same eejit who squeaked out "Sign says 'stay away fools'" is still doing his dreadful thing. Drain laughs aplenty are available on *Love In The Year 3000* in which aforementioned eejit proclaims "Robot, bootiebot, erotobot"! And like B52s themselves, this bombs big time!

ANTIDOTES

Foals (album, Transgressive)

Believe the hype – the debut release from math rock/punk pop/nu-calypto/electroclash (delete as you think appropriate) quintet Foals is quite simply the best thing to happen to music since Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil. Taut, breathless

also showing

21. Fact-based story about six talented maths students trained to become experts in card counting who subsequently took Vegas casinos for millions.

SON OF RAMBOW. Brilliant coming-of-age comedy set against the backdrop of an endless English summer during which schoolfriends decide to make their own version of *Rambo: First Blood Part II* armed only with a primitive camcorder and enthusiasm.

STEP UP 2: THE STREETS. *Romeo And Juliet* gets a hip-hop makeover as two star-crossed lovers from opposite sides of the tracks overcome prejudice by dancing a lot.

THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES. Three siblings discover a magical world on their own doorstep after moving to a creepy old mansion.

DR SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! Fantastic CG comedy in which an existentialist elephant must help save the inhabitants of a microscopic world.

previews

THE EYE. Satisfyingly sinister horror in which a young blind violinist is given the chance to see for the first time since childhood through a miraculous corneal transplant – but soon becomes haunted by frightening visions of death itself capturing the doomed and dragging them away from the world of the living.

THREE AND OUT. A traumatised tube driver has the misfortune of running down three suicidal track-jumpers in as many weeks, but when he finds out he could be in line for a bumper payout should he hit one more, he desperately sets out to convince various down-and-outs to become his final victim in this bizarre comedy.

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL. Yet more screwball comedy from the creators of *Superbad* and *Knocked Up*, unlucky-in-love Peter takes a Hawaii vacation in order to get over a recent break-up with his girlfriend, Sarah. But little does he know Sarah's visiting the same resort as him, and she's bringing along her new rock-star boyfriend – none other than bouffanted berk Russell Brand.

Paul Newman reviews a selection of the latest releases on DVD

Feral predators reclaim the night

30 DAYS OF NIGHT
(Icon Home Entertainment, 18, retail & rental)

High in the Arctic Circle, the remote Alaskan town of Barrow is plunged annually into perpetual night. But this year, the inhabitants of America's northernmost settlement have far more than the winter blues and cabin fever to contend with as their community is cut off from the outside world and laid out like a buffet by a marauding pack of vampires. Co-adapted by Steve Niles from his own graphic novel (and visually capturing the tone of collaborator Ben Templesmith's illustrations), *30 Days Of Night* has much in common with John Carpenter's *The Thing* – an idiosyncratic group cut off from the world in a frozen wasteland and fighting desperately for survival against a deadly alien threat that simply cannot be reasoned with.

But the film's signal achievement – and one that's long overdue – is to make vampires scary once more. Forget Anne Rice's tedious, effete fops mooning about in poet shirts by candlelight in a slough of despondent angst at the loneliness of immortality; forget, too, the leatherette, gun-toting sub-*Matrix* variety of *Underworld* and *Ultra Violet*, whose condition seems just another incidental hip fashion accessory – the ferocious vampires of *30 Days Of Night* are a breed more akin to great white sharks. Sable-eyed feral predators equipped with teeth like a mouthful of mismatched rusty steak knives and relentless appetites, they overwhelm the town in a savage wave of slaughter (a superb sequence orchestrated with eerie detachment by director David Slade) and spend the rest of nature's blackout hunting down stragglers to maintain the secret of their existence.

It's not a kind film, not a reassuring film; the intensity of the graphic carnage only adds to the impact when it becomes apparent that just about anybody can die here – and they do, right up to the tragic and hopelessly romantic finale.

In a cast of uniformly excellent performances, Josh Hartnett and Melissa George make for solid and ultimately touching leads as the local sheriff and his estranged wife who head up the small band of terrified survivors, huddling in attics and fending off the sub-zero cold as they try to outlast the night. Extras on this two-disc release include a commentary and features on all aspects of the production, from recreating Barrow in New Zealand and casting to the special effects, stunts and night-shoots.

Star rating: ★★★★★

RATMAN
(Shameless Screen Entertainment, 18, retail)

One of the weirdest and yet most oddly satisfying pieces of exploitation film-making I've seen in a long while, *Shameless* deserves a pat on the back for rescuing this 1988 obscurity and releasing it in the UK for the first time.

With shades of *The Island Of Dr Moreau*, *It's Alive!* and *Basketcase*, a typically mad scientist out in the boondocks of a Caribbean island goes all out for a Nobel prize by cross-breeding rats and monkeys, creating a humanoid hybrid equipped with poisonous fangs and claws (played by 2ft 4in tall Nelson de la Rosa, certified by the Guinness Book of World Records in 1990 as the shortest man alive).



Naturally, such a pointlessly dangerous experiment escapes and makes a beeline for the many voluptuous, pouting fashion models who seem to comprise 90 per cent of the local population. Former Hammer alumni and Italian exploitation regular David Warbeck pops up as a stolid hero amid this feast of clunky writing, cardboard performances, a shower scene so gratuitous that nothing actually happens in it apart from showering and some nicely gory attacks.

Assembled from a variety of sources to get the most complete version possible, the variable quality of the footage only adds to the fun, and director Giuliano Carnimeo even manages to pull off the seemingly impossible with a couple of scenes of genuinely unsettling tension.

A further tip of the hat goes to *Shameless* for adding to the general exploitation with a delightful Jaws rip-off sleeve. Now, rat's entertainment!

Star rating: ★★★

HADLEIGH: COMPLETE FIRST SERIES/ COMPLETE SECOND SERIES
(Network, 12, retail)

Hailing from more innocent times when it was possible to be both a wealthy captain of industry and the nice guy hero of a TV show, *Hadleigh* works now as both nostalgic light entertainment and a window on a world long gone.

Following on from the 1968 series *Gazette* and released in separate four-disc sets, the first two seasons hail from 1969 and 1971 (switching to colour from episode three of the second series) and follow the ups and downs of charismatic and endlessly energetic country squire James Hadleigh (Gerald Harper), a landowner in Yorkshire with a past in the

Civil Service who inherits great wealth and a chain of local newspapers while managing to remain a general all-round good egg.

Much of the narrative drama sees his values put to the test, whether he's considering tempting offers from press barons, falling in love, getting immersed in local politics or embarking on bold new ventures.

Hadleigh's a likeable enough character, and even if the show's writing doesn't progress much beyond bluff businessmen chuffing on cigars, swirling brandy snifters and talking big stakes, it's fun to look out for such familiar faces as Peter Sallis, Hannah Gordon and Wanda Ventham.

Star rating: ★★★

THE ADVENTURES OF BLACK BEAUTY: COMPLETE SECOND SERIES
(Network, PG, retail)

More post-Anna Sewell equine nostalgia in this four-disc set featuring all 26 episodes of the 1973 second season which saw most of the original cast return plus a few memorable new characters such as the young urchin Ned and Dr Gordon's previously unseen daughter Jenny.

As before, the series has excellent production values and makes the most of its beautiful country locations as *Black Beauty* provides the catalyst for (and sometimes the solution to) a variety of stories.

Perfectly suited to children, what particularly appeals about this show was that it never pandered to them; many of the stories touch on social issues of class, child and animal exploitation and deftly handle them in such a way to make them comprehensible without being dry or preachy.

Star rating: ★★★

★★★★★ unmissable ★★★★★ very good ★★★ good ★★ fair ★ don't bother

Sassoon, Ben Wilkinson and Chris Moss

and, well, elastic, this genre-defying album of thrilling contradictions may be executed with geometric precision and graceful minimalism a la Steve Reich, yet it's by no means synthetic or soulless. The topiary-haired five-piece create spellbinding hypno rock with genuine depth – all angular guitar duels, palpitating percussion and schizophrenic synths that provide welcome relief from the post-Arctic Monkeys indie hangover currently blighting the airwaves.

TESSELLATE
Tokyo Police Club (single, Memphis Industries)

Their name promises so much but a total lack of originality makes this song one you feel you've heard a thousand times before, comfortably morphing into any old indie rock track with which the radio waves have been saturated in recent years.

MEAN GIRL
The Business (EP, Bad Dog)

These gents are propa spit-and-sawdust punks and

have every right to show their inferior young pretenders how it's done, it's just that maybe their time has been and gone. Nevertheless, the ear-bleedingly raw live tracks, recorded at The Marquee in 1982, give a fascinating glimpse of the punk era in its death throes.

FALLING SLOWLY
Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova (single, Anti)

This Oscar-winning song from indie film hit *Once* is a charming little slice of Damien Rice camembert with a Cat Stevens' chutney relish on the side. Good in the right conditions.

WE GO HUNTING
iLiKETRAiNS (single, Fierce Panda)

A dark contrast to most pop songs on the market but a welcome change nonetheless with its historic-based lyrics and moody tones which make you sit back and wonder what life's all about.



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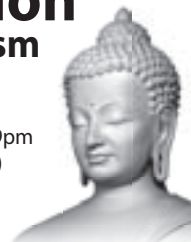
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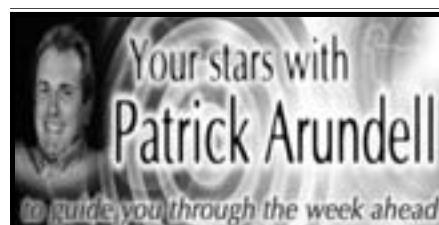


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Taurus Apr 21-May 21

You get a green light, but just as you put your foot down you come to another junction where the lights seem stuck on red. Frustration mounts, and your fingers can manically tap the steering wheel as you await a change. Sometimes people accuse you of being ponderous or slow to embark on new adventures, but you'll disprove this archetype now. Call me now for your in-depth forecast.

Gemini May 22-Jun 21

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Cancer Jun 22-Jul 23

You've an astral stereotype but there's far more to you than you're given credit for. While you can be kindly, this week it's going to be your motivation that stuns people. If you're sure about your life direction you won't want to hang around in your desire to get from A to Z. As you arrive at your destination, the competition will still be waking up! Call me now for more news and astral advice.

Leo Jul 24-Aug 23

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Virgo Aug 24-Sept 23

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Scorpio Oct 24-Nov 22

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Sagittarius Nov 23-Dec 21

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Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 20

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Aquarius Jan 21-Feb 19

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Pisces Feb 20-Mar 20

Speak in haste, repent at leisure. This may be an old chestnut, but one that still holds true. Don't be in too much of a hurry to articulate yourself. 9/10ths of effective communication comes from taking the care to listen. And yet you can have so much enthusiasm pumping through your veins, reigning yourself in may prove to be quite a challenge. Call me now Pisces for more news and astral advice.

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(This post is full time – not term time only)

St Edmund's College is an Independent, Catholic, co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 3-18 years.

We are seeking to appoint a Data Manager with a strong knowledge of Microsoft software, including databases and spreadsheets. Previous management of a school information system would be preferable. The successful candidate must be self motivated and methodical whilst capable of using their own initiative. They must be able to cope within a busy school environment and possess good communication skills, both written and oral.

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For further details and an application form, please contact Jenny Blyth on 01920 824224. hr@stedmundscollege.org

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St Edmund's College is an Independent, Catholic, co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 3-18 years.

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The closing date for the following posts is Friday, 25th April 2008

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For further details please contact Evelyn Gardner on 01279 307251 or email gardnere@burntmill.essex.sch.uk

Burnt Mill School
First Avenue
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Closing date: 9th May 2008

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To find out more about the school, visit our website at www.markhall.essex.sch.uk. For informal visits or chats, contact j.szpakowski@markhall.essex.sch.uk or j.rogers@markhall.essex.sch.uk direct dial 01279 620668 for both.

Applications via a letter and CV to Mrs Janet Szpakowski, Inclusion Manager at the School.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

Closing date for applications 30th April 2008.



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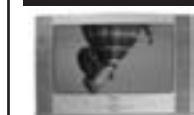
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A Clifton, Liquidator

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ATTRACTIVE petite, 61yr old female, likes pubs, cinema, walks, seeks caring male, 55-65 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 288282

CHARLENE 19, seeks fun, cheeky male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 289524

ATTRACTIVE blonde, early 40's, seeks funny, romantic, caring male, 38-48 to make her laugh and her day shine again. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 287388

FEMALE 39, GSOH, seeks genuine, caring male for lots of laughs and hopefully LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 255442

BLONDE bombshell, very feminine, would love to cuddle up on the sofa with a tall, well built guy. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297682

ATTRACTIVE warm, friendly female, young 70's, great personality, seeks similar male for meals out, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 293144

PETITE shy female who enjoys a challenge, WLM honest mature male for fun, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297684

ATTRACTIVE 40 something friendly female, brown hair, N/S, seeks similar male. Please call. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 282526

LONELY female, 46, fed up with being single, seeking tall, attractive male to enjoy some wild, fun times with. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297690

FEMALE 40's, honest, genuine, loving, shy, seeks similar guy for nice times and company. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 282512

DOWN to earth, happy, good time girl, 33, WLM fun male for open relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297694

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 39, green eyes, blond hair, seeks male, 39-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 282442

BEAUTIFUL blonde, lovely hazel eyes, seeks her Prince Charming for fun and romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297680

VOLUPTUOUS black female, looking for discreet fun times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297712

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FEMININE female, green eyes, 54, 5ft 6ins, curvy, size 14, seeks male, 49-61 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 277132

VIVACIOUS attractive, stylish 50 plus widow, golfer, seeks sincere, likeminded N/S gent, 50-65 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 262069

ATTRACTIVE widow, blonde, early 60's, young looking, seeks N/S male for walks, theatre, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 261637

ATTRACTIVE 46yr old blonde, easygoing, friendly, likes pubs, meals out, seeks kind, caring male, 42-52 for genuine relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 260283

DIZZY but intelligent hard working blonde, seeking special, seductive male for no strings good times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 297706

FEMALE 34, blonde hair, blue eyes, seeks male, 35-40 for love and romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 271646

ATTRACTIVE curvy blonde, 43, 5ft 11ins, seeks 6ft plus, N/S male with positive outlook for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 269170

SEXY black lady, seeks male, any age for romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 263846

25YR old single mum, likes clubs, pubs, cinema, bowling, seeks genuine, hardworking male, 25-35 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 262497

PROFESSIONAL female, 42, no ties, seeks similar male for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 262280

ATTRACTIVE slim female, blonde, mid 40's, seeks attractive male with GSOH to look after and pamper. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257879

JOSIE 54, widow, likes gardening, walks, seeks gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257847

BEAUTY and brains! 44yr old attractive, ambitious female, seeks kind, caring guy to share life with. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257085

ATTRACTIVE petite single mum, 37, seeks intelligent, handsome, caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 259271

GENUINE female, late 50's, young, smart, likes countryside, music, days out, nights in, seeks sincere, caring, romantic male, 55-60 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 258792

ATTRACTIVE slim, black female, 30's, seeks romantic, kind, decent, positive male for friendship and romance. HIV positive. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 258368

GOOD looking, blue eyed 60's model, seeks genuine guy for friendly relationship and intimate times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 256914

ATTRACTIVE South African female, 28, likes music, cooking, nights out, seeks male, 28-36. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 251420

50 year old woman looking for man to make her feel young again. Looking for passion, love and trust. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 247318

31YR old female, likes pubs, DVDs, seeks male for loving relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 246904

BUSTY brunette 25, single mum, likes music, comedy, films, seeks male, 28-40 for new adventures and LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 256518

ATTRACTIVE 50yr old female, widow, 5ft 6ins, slim, seeks male, 49-58 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 256288

GEORGIANA 60, widow, active, 5ft 4ins, slim, likes sports, music, meals out, walks, seeks gent, 67-74 with GSOH and similar interests. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 255405

ATTRACTIVE outgoing, sensual, petite blonde, seeks fit, caring, reliable, N/S male between 35-45 for fun times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 251965

ATTRACTIVE slim, blonde female, 60, 5ft 6ins, N/S, likes walks, reading, music, current affairs, seeks sensual, optimistic, intelligent male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 246072

GINA Chinese, attractive, slim, likes music, GSOH, seeks nice gent, under 60 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 233636

ATTRACTIVE honest, fun, single mum, varied interests, seeks decent male, 38-55 for company and relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 231733

31YR old female, brown hair, blue eyes, curvy, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 231706

ATTRACTIVE curvy, blonde 37yr old, divorced, single mum, seeks male for good times and conversation. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 222957

MICHELLE 36, single mum, seeks kind, caring, romantic male, 35-42 for possible LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 222563

ATTRACTIVE mid 50's red head, outgoing, seeks sincere male, 50-70 with young outlook for romance and friendship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 220675

FEMALE 29, seeks male, 30-45 for fun times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 233352

PETITE blonde, green eyes, size 6-8, likes nights in/out, music, dancing, theatre, films, meals out, reading, seeks special male for friendship and love. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 232193

ATTRACTIVE slim, young looking female, 70, likes most things, seeks tall, romantic, caring male for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 243544

BLACK single mum, 32, size 12, 5ft 5ins, seeks honest, N/S male, 30-42 with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 242251

KIND caring female, 49, attractive, medium build, fun, affectionate, many interests, seeks loving male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 239911

TALL dark haired female, green eyes, curvy, seeks male for good times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 238217

THAI lady 39, likes cooking, travel, and seeks single dad/male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 237746

FEMALE 54, enjoys jazz, country walks, conservation, theatre, seeks like minded male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228358

BUBBLY female, seeks tall, smart, fun, caring, honest male looking for long term relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 233454

BLONDE hair, blue eyes, good cook, loves children, animals, simple things in life, GSOH, looking for some good company, good nights in/out. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 232736

5FT 9ins female, likes nights in, gardening, pets, seeks male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 238728

SLIM female, 57, blonde, likes walks, meals out, seeks caring, genuine male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 298158

42YR old black female, divorced, 5ft 8ins, seeks outgoing, caring male, 45-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 295650

JOSIE 55, 5ft 4ins, widow, brown hair/eyes, likes meals out, nights in, music, seeks male, 50-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 292702

GENUINE female, 42, seeks similar, genuine, fun male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 228937

HONEST and reliable, fun to be with, likes to laugh, seeks tall man with hair and teeth. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 235347

SARAH 45, black, professional, curvy, likes countryside, cinema, theatre, travel, seeks sincere, mature male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 288410

ATTRACTIVE 40yr old female, 5ft 6ins, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, N/S, seeks gent to wine and dine her. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 286002

LIVELY lady 60, slim, 5ft 8ins, likes horse riding, dancing, gardening, travel, seeks tall gent, 55-65 to make her laugh. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 285376

32YR old single mum, seeks male, 28-34 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 285374

SEXY brown skinned female, petite, brown hair/eyes, career minded, seeks male, 30-36. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 288394

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FUN loving 53yr old female, N/S, young at heart, GSOH, caring, honest, seeks N/S male, 48-58 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 287974

25YR old African female, 5ft 3ins, likes meals out, music, travel, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 287210

CAROL 47, attractive, slim, GSOH, likes good food/wine, nights in/out, seeks attractive male, 40-50 with similar interests. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 286336

PRETTY petite female, 50's, young looking, 5ft 6ins, dark hair, seeks kind, loving male, 45-50 for friendship and fun. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 285150

20YR old female, 5ft 6ins, black, attractive, GSOH, sincere, seeks fun, white male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 279460

ATTRACTIVE female, 5ft 2ins, long dark hair, hazel eyes, romantic, genuine, likes pubs, reading, music, seeks tall, dark male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 278176

WIDOW early 60's, N/S, seeks kind, caring male, 58-68 for friendship, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 284854

CARING brunette, 35, likes cinema, meals out, travel, seeks honest, kind male, 37-45 for fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 283750

MATURE black female, 48, seeks intelligent, mature English gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 282880

46YR old mum, 5ft 4ins, chatty, attractive, size 12, brown hair/eyes, likes days out, cinema, walks, dancing, seeks caring, honest male, 40-48. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 280652

ATTRACTIVE female, late 50's, sincere, caring, likes life, countryside, music, days out, nights in, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 277358

FEMALE 51, 5ft 3ins, medium build, brown eyes, smoker, seeks romantic male with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 276576

FEMALE 37, 5ft 7ins, medium build, black hair, blue eyes, GSOH, fun loving, seeks male, 37-45 for nights in/out, possible romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 272774

FEMALE 50, seeks honest, kind, romantic soul male, 50 plus with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 262126

LADY mid 50's, likes dancing, outdoors, seeks true gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 261044

SHY female, 20, seeks fun loving guy for friendship and relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 259226

FEMALE 45, 5ft 2ins, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, N/S, likes travel, walks, meals out, seeks male, 42-52 for shared times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 269672

FEMALE 39, single mum, GSOH, romantic, likes dancing, nights in/out, seeks male, 35-49 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 268610

SLIM blonde female, likes bowling, cinema, meals out, football, seeks slim, attractive male, 55-62 with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 264026

ATTRACTIVE 45yr old female, 5ft 5ins, seeks tall male, 45-52 with GSOH for friendship, possible romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 263361

SYLVIA 52, divorced, 5ft 6ins, medium build, brown hair, seeks similar aged, loving, affectionate, honest, trustworthy guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 259183

SINGLE mum, 40, GSOH, N/S, likes nights out, meals out, cinema, pubs, seeks caring, genuine male, 40-45 for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 258686

SLIM blue eyed blonde, N/S, likes bowling, cinema, meals out, seeks slim, attractive male with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 258249

ATTRACTIVE petite female, 50's, 5ft 2ins, dark hair, GSOH, N/S, likes animals, pubs, days out, nights in, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 256018

LUCY 27, black, single mum, outgoing, likes socialising, seeks black male, 40-45 for friendship/LTR. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 254377

24YR old female, long dark red hair, blue eyes, likes socialising, pubs, concerts, comedy, shopping, animals, seeks tall, dark male, 23-31 with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 252199

YOUTHFUL 59yr old female, tall, slim, fit, active, seeks likeminded, caring male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 258235

BRUNETTE 45, tall, slim, likes meals out, walks, nights in, seeks kind, caring male. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257593

40YR old curvy female, likes reading, dancing, cycling, seeks 6ft male, 40 plus for fun, fun, fun. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257396

MATURE 20yr old single mum, attractive, seeks genuine, attractive male with GSOH for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 257071

LOYAL female, 43, likes countryside, meals out, cooking, badminton, pool, pubs, music, seeks similar male, 40-46 for friendship and romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 256859

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FANCY a week in Scotland? Nice guy, slim, 53, 35 on inside, seeks slim, N/S female for companionship. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 300334

40YR old male, 5ft 11ins, good shape, seeks female for fun and romance. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299956

MATURE guy, 60, 6ft 1ins, slim, fit, black hair, blue eyes, seeks mature, sensual female for no strings fun times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299640

MALE 28, 5ft 10ins, slim, attractive, GSOH, fun loving, loyal, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299544

LOYAL white male, 37, likes travel, animals, sport, seeks caring black female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299420

DIVORCED dad, 48, likes pubs, meals out, seeks female to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299916

DESERVED dad, 48, caring, sensitive, likes pubs, walks, seeks female to enjoy life with. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299910

MALE 33, 6ft 3ins, dark hair, medium build, seeks mature female, 50-65 for fun times. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 299858

32YR old male, 5ft 10ins, medium build, dark hair, likes pubs, cinema, meals out, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 670 0211 Box No: 298936

Results, fixtures & tables

SATURDAY APRIL 12

Football
Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, prem div: Quendon Ath 2, Old Street 2; Sheering 0, Birchanger 3; White Roding 1, Loughton 5.
Div one: Albury 2, Dunmow Rhodes 0; Potter Street A 1, Langley Rangers 0; Thaxted Rangers res 4, Thorley Park 5; North Weald res 5 (Gary Bramscombe 2, Dave Clark 2, Jason Pottle), Lower res 0.

SUNDAY APRIL 13

Harlow & District League, prem div: Old Tn 2, Marquis Sports 2.
Div one: Risden Wd res 5, Altham Grove 2; Lindsey St 4, GPCA res 2; Maypole Ath res 3, Pollards 2; Old Townmead 6, Unique 2.
Div two: FC Parkside 14, Eastwick 0; Galaxy 1, Rhyno 2.
Div three: Maiden 6, St Germaine 1.
Div four: FC Flare 0, FC Clark 2; Ashfield 2, Sewardstone 4.
Div five: Rouge Lyon A 8, Brookside res 0; Harberts A 2, Matching res 3; Altham Grove res 1, Epping Ath 2.
Premier Div Cup final (at Harlow Tn FC): GPCA 2, Rouge Lyon 2.
Harlow & District League Cup semi-final: Brookside 1, Parndon Royals 8.

SATURDAY APRIL 19

Football
Ryman League, prem div: AFC Wimbledon v Harlow Tn.
Essex Senior League: Sawbridgeworth Tn v Basildon Utd.
LFC Insurance Essex Olympian League, snr div one: Roydon v Potter Street.
Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, Bill Bruty Cup semi-finals: Old Street v Salvation Army (Harlow), White Roding v Alemite Ath.
Prem div: Birchanger v Sheering, Debden res v Pelly House, North Weald v Loughton.
Div one: Avondale Rangers v Albury, Hatfield Heath res v Heath Rovers, Potter Street A v North Weald res, Sheering res v Thorley Park, Thaxted Rangers res v Dunmow Rhodes.

Rugby
London & South East League, div three north east: Harlow v Braintree.

SUNDAY APRIL 20

Football
Harlow & District League, prem div: Maypole Ath v Rouge Lyon, Parndon v Old Tn, Marquis Sp v Risden Wd.
Div one: GPCA res v Pollards, Risden Wd res v Harberts.
Div two: Rouge Lyon res v Galaxy, FC Parkside v Pools.
Div three: UG v Matching, St Germaine v Harberts res, Maiden v Brookside.
Div four: FC Clark v Harberts OB, FC Flare v Cottingham, Abbey Albion v Ashfield.
Div five: Rouge Lyon A v Harberts A.
Harlow & District League Plate final (at Harlow Tn FC): Archers Dart v Sewardstone.
Harlow & District League Cup, semi-final: GPCA v Lindsey St.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23
Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, div one: Hatfield Heath res v Potter Street A, Sheering res v Langley Rangers.

EAST MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (Final table) Division 4SE

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Havering II	22	16	3	3	51
Saffron Walden II	22	14	2	6	44
Harlow	22	12	2	8	38
Colchester II *	22	12	2	8	37
Maldon & Lt Baddow	22	11	2	9	34
Upminster III	22	9	3	10	30
Old Southendians II	22	8	5	9	29
Havering III	22	9	1	12	28
Witham II	22	7	6	9	27
East London II	22	8	2	12	26
Romford	22	7	4	11	25
Redbridge & Ilford	22	1	4	17	7

*Pts deducted

HARLOW STAR YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Up to & including Sun Apr 13

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Under 9s					
Mark Hall Yth	21	19	0	2	57
Langley Clts Stallions	20	18	0	2	54
Epping Youth	20	18	0	2	54
Langley Clts Trojans	20	12	2	6	38
Langley Clts Mustang	20	10	1	9	31
Waltham Abbey	20	9	2	9	29
Risden Wood	19	9	1	9	28
Harlow Tn Reds	21	6	3	12	21
Elsenham Youth	22	5	2	15	17
Saturn	21	3	3	15	12
Harlow Town Whites	21	3	1	17	10
Stansted Juniors	19	2	1	16	7
Under 10s - Silver Division					
Harlow Town Whites	13	10	1	2	31
Harlow Town Red	14	10	0	4	30
Langley Colts Stallions	11	9	1	1	28
Waltham Abbey	13	9	1	3	28
B Stortford Colts	14	5	2	7	17
Harlow Town Colts	13	5	0	8	15
Kiln Rangers	13	4	1	8	13
FC Parington	13	3	2	8	11
Epping Youth C	14	0	0	14	0
Under 11s					
Langley Colts Stallions	15	14	0	1	42
Ware FC	15	14	0	1	42
Harlow Town Colts	18	13	1	4	40
Epping Youth	19	12	2	5	38
Saturn	18	11	0	7	33
Waltham Abbey	17	8	3	6	27
Langley Colts Trojans	15	7	1	7	22
Apex Youth	17	5	2	10	17
Harlow Town Red	19	3	1	15	10
Mark Hall Youth	18	3	0	15	9
Risden Wood	19	0	0	19	0
Under 12s					
Mark Hall Youth	16	13	1	2	40
Langley Colts Mustangs	18	11	3	4	36
Marquis Sports	16	11	3	2	36
Epping Youth	16	11	1	4	34
Langley Colts Trojans	15	10	2	3	32
Saturn	18	9	1	8	28
Harlow Town	18	6	1	11	19
Connaught Rangers	18	5	0	13	15
Waltham Abbey	18	2	2	14	8
Bishop's Stortford	17	0	0	17	0

RUGBY
Up to & incl Sat Apr 12
London 3 North East

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Westcliff	21	19	1	1	39
Diss	21	17	0	4	34
Rochford Hundred	21	14	0	7	28
Harlow	21	10	2	9	22
Romford & Gldea Pk	21	10	2	9	22
Brentwood	21	9	3	9	21
Saffron Walden	21	9	1	11	19
Norwich	21	8	1	12	17
Braintree	21	8	0	13	16
Chelmsford	21	7	0	14	14
Ipswich *	21	6	3	12	13
Colchester	21	2	1	18	5

Essex 1 (Final table)

Dagenham	18	16	0	2	32
Maldon	18	15	0	3	30
Ilford Wanderers	18	14	0	4	28
Bancroft	18	11	2	5	24
Old Brentwoods	18	11	0	7	22
Wanstead	18	6	2	10	14
Writtle Wanderers	18	4	2	12	10
Upper Clapton	18	4	2	12	10
Millwall *	18	4	0	14	6
East London *	18	1	0	17	0

* -2 points

HARLOW & DISTRICT PREMIER DARTS LEAGUE
Up to & including Fri Apr 12

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Servo Hawks	20	16	3	1	116
Young Pretenders	19	15	2	2	106
White Admiral	19	12	4	3	104
Colt Hatch	19	9	4	6	85
CC Whites	19	10	3	6	84
Moot House Arrows	19	8	4	7	83
Swift Half's	19	9	2	8	81
United Glass	19	5	4	10	64
Moot House	19	4	1	14	51
CC Foxes	19	2	2	16	49
Swift Arrows	19	0	0	19	17

FOOTPRINT BISHOP'S STORTFORD, STANSTED & DISTRICT LEAGUE
Up to & incl Sat Apr 12
Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	Pt
Alemite Athletic	19	18	1	0	37
Quendon Athletic	21	12	4	5	28
North Weald	18	13	2	3	28
Pelly House	20	12	1	7	25
Old Street	19	11	2	6	24
Loughton	21	10	2	9	22
Hatfield Heath	21	9	1	11	19
White Roding	21	7	3	11	17
Birchanger	20	8	0	12	16
Debden Res	20	2	4	14	8
Sheering	19	2	3	14	7
Potter Street Res	19	1	5	13	7

Division One

North Weald Res	22	17	2	3	36
Salvation Army (Harlow)	23	16	2	5	34
Langley Rangers	23	15	1	7	31
Potter Street 'A'	19	11	4	4	26
Heath Rovers	23	12	2	9	26
Avondale Rangers	23	13	0	10	26
Sheering Res	17	12	1	4	25
Thorley Park	19	10	2	7	22
Hatfield Heath Res	16	8	1	7	17
Dunmow Rhodes	22	6	4	12	16
Albury	22	6	4	12	16
Thaxted Res	22	8	2	15	12
Lower Street	23	3	1	19	7
Frontiers	24	2	0	22	4

IN BRIEF: Harlow Link clinched the KB Tyres/Mercury Football League Premier Division Cup final with a 1-0 win over Goffs Oak on Saturday.
Steve Gregory's goal after just 35 seconds sealed the win for Harlow at the County Ground in Letchworth.



MARATHON EFFORTS: Graham Saville, Andrew Terrell, Bel Waters, Steven Kent, John Tennant, Vicky Steadman, Sarah Webber, Jon Steadman, Grahame Thomas, Matt Jones

Broughton leads way in Marathon

ALAN Broughton broke the three-hour barrier as he completed the London Flora Marathon in a time of two hours, 59 minutes and 14 seconds on Sunday.
Fellow Harlow Running Club members Colin Moody (3:05.14) and John Tennant (3:14.41) were not far behind.
The trek around the capital also produced 10 personal bests (PBs) from Harlow runners.

They were: Andrew Terrell (3:29.17), Grahame Thomas (3:33.24), Jon Steadman (3:41.25), Vicky Steadman (3:42.59), Peter Barrett (3:48.38), Steve Ambrose (4:00.23), Matt Jones (4:02.45), Graham Saville (4:11.04), Sarah Webber (4:27.17), Vipin Patel (4:32.27) and Sharon Coleman (4:54.04).
Completing the Harlow contingent were Bel Waters (3:35.23) and Steven Kent (5:22.41).

Heartbreak for Hawks in final

Harlow Hawks 71, Luton Fliers 79
(Herts County Cup final)

PLAYER-coach Shab Niaz had mixed emotions after Harlow Hawks were unable to win the Herts County Cup for the first time.

Disappointing second and third quarters were the principle reasons for the Hawks defeat at Wodson Park in Ware on Sunday.

Niaz, remaining upbeat despite the defeat, said: "It's disappointing to lose in any final but I'm very proud of what we have achieved this season as we have progressed and competed in the latter stages of all the competitions that we have been in."
"The guys will have learnt a lot over the year but will have to raise their game for next season as teams will be playing a lot harder against us."

Hawks started well with a short jump shot from Paul Jessop, but then some unsettled play allowed Luton a number of fast breaks to take an



GOING FOR GOAL: Shab Niaz breaks forward against Luton but it proved to be a miserable afternoon for the Hawks (QKRSBBDL 03)

early lead.

Harlow hit back with back-to-back three-pointers from Jessop as the first quarter ended with the scores tied (21-21).

Two 8-0 runs from Luton swung the momentum their way in the second quarter.

Scores from Mike Freeman, Mark Haddow and Jessop got Hawks back in the game but the Fliers were 45-33 ahead as the teams headed into

the half-time break.

Hawks got off to a poor start in the second half as they were kept scoreless for five minutes, during which time Fliers extended their lead to 21 points.

After a time-out, Harlow produced an 11-2 run with three-pointers from Jessop, Shab Niaz and Dave Spashett, cutting the lead to 10 points.

At the end of the third quarter, Luton led 63-51. An early 8-0 run in the

final quarter gave Luton an early lift.

Shab Niaz hit a couple of three-pointers to bring the Hawks to within five points of their opponents.

However, a crucial three-pointer was then missed and Luton then scored three foul shots to seal a 79-71 victory.

HARLOW HAWKS: Jessop (21 pts), S. Niaz (18), Haddow (12), Spashett (10), Jones (4), Freeman (3), Z. Niaz (3), Collier, Ramadan, Burgess, McBride.

Harlow suffer semi loss

Harlow 63, Vytis 70

Vytis win 165-156 on agg (East Region League play-off semi-final second leg)

A WOEFUL display resulted in Harlow Hawks bowing out of the Eastern Region League play-offs at the semi-final stage.

Hawks took a two points deficit into Saturday's second leg against Vytis.

A scrappy first quarter ended with Vytis gaining a 13-11 advantage.

Hawks then enjoyed a 9-0 run but Vytis led 29-27 at the halfway stage.

The hosts played well at the start of the third quarter before a disastrous last five minutes saw them out-scored 10-2 as Vytis led 50-44.

Hawks took the lead in the final quarter but Vytis bagged crucial foul shots to wrap up the win.

HARLOW HAWKS: Freeman (22 pts), Jessop (20), S. Niaz (6), Francis (6), Overland (3), Z. Niaz (2), Spashett (2), Jones (2), Ramadan, Wright.

Title race heats up in U-9 division

THE under 9 division in the Harlow Star Youth Community Football League looks like it will go right down to the wire.

Leaders MARK HALL YOUTH remain three points clear Of LANGLEY COLTS STALLIONS after a 6-2 defeat of HARLOW TOWN REDS.

Mark Hall's scorers included Magnus Koskocan (2) and Byron Down.

RISDEN WOOD U-9s triumphed 6-1 at home to Elsenham.

On target were Harrison Saldiray (2), Harry Billington (2), and Harry McWilliam (2). George Greenhalgh replied for the visitors.

In the U-10 silver division, FC PARINGDON lost 0-4 to Bishops Stortford Colts.

A free-kick from Ali K hit the bar.

A Darren Brooker hat-trick helped Ware U-11s to a 6-1 victory against LANGLEY COLTS TROJANS.

Other scorers were Frankie Branch, Ashley Winders and Tommy Smithson.

Other results: - U-12s - Epping Yth 7, Langley Colts Trojans 3; Langley Colts Mustangs 5, Bishop's Stortford 2; Mark Hall Yth 1, Saturn 2.

U-11s - Apex Yth 0, Langley Colts Stallions 7; Epping Yth 9, Mark Hall Yth 0; Harlow Town Red 1, Saturn 8; Waltham Abbey 2, Harlow Tn Colts 2.

U-10s gold - Abbey Yth 9, Epping Yth B 0; Bishop's Stortford Ath 1, Langley Colts Mustangs 4; Mark Hall Yth 1, Bishop's Stortford Tn 0.

U-10s silver - Harlow Tn White 0, Langley Colts Stallions 2; Waltham Abbey 3, Kiln Rangers 0.

U-9s - Langley Colts Mustangs 0, Langley Colts Stallions 2; Saturn 0, Epping Yth 6; Stansted Juniors 3, Waltham Abbey 0.

U-7s/U-8s - Harlow Tn U-7 Whites 2, Saturn U-8 4; Langley Colts U-8 Trojans w/o v Epping Yth U-8; Risden Wd U-7B 0, Mark Hall Yth U-8 16; Risden Wd U-8 2, Harlow Town U-8 Whites 3.

Duo's All-England bid

ATHLETES Mark Hunt and Sam Watts stepped up their bid for spots at the All-England Schools Track & Field Championships at Newcastle in July with impressive performances.

Sam won the Under-17 men's 100m with a time of 11.7 seconds in an open meeting at the Lee Valley Sports Centre in North London.

In the 200m, the Sawbridgeworth youngster was only a stride down on Rhio Samuel (Enfield & Haringay AC) who finished 4th in last year's All England Championships. Sam clocked 23.18s.

Mark won the 400m in a

new personal best (PB) of 49.79s. He then ran 22.89s for second in the 200m (U-20).

Others competing were Harlow's Sophie Fuhr, who was third in the 800m (U-15 girls) in 2 minutes, 34.5s.

Harlow's Dan Yaxley secured a fine PB in the U-17 men's 800m in 2:11.7.

Tom Larkin, also from Harlow, was 6th in the 100m in 12.1s and 5th in the 200m in 24.0s (U-17 men).

Completing the Harlow contingent was Tom Richards, who won the U-17 men's shot putt with a throw of 10.07m. He was also second in the discus with a throw of 22.15m (PB).

One more win can seal title

LCF Insurance Essex Olympian League round-up

A VICTORY for **POTTER STREET** at neighbours **ROYDON** this Saturday would be enough to secure the senior division one title.

Street are seven points ahead of second-placed M & B Club. Both teams have three matches left.

Street won 2-0 at Sandon Royals on Tuesday.

Ryan Williams opened the scoring from a 35th-minute free-kick.

Mark Pearcey got the second with a shot on 55 minutes.

This followed a 6-1 home triumph over Leytonstone United three days earlier, courtesy of goals from Michael Kennedy (2), Chris Groves (2), Scott Poole and James Soilleux.

EPHING are unlikely to be relegated from the senior premier division after their 10-man side won 2-1 in a six-pointer at lowly Bishop's Stortford Swifts on Tuesday.

Epping midfielder Josh Albane was sent off for the second of two bookable offences after 80 minutes.

Epping were leading 2-0 by this stage after scoring on 10 and 70 minutes.

Chen Mpurapsa nodded home a Chris Muir corner and the visitors doubled their lead when a Muir corner beat home keeper Pat Yates at his near post.

Swifts halved the deficit when Paul Sutton finished from a corner on 85 minutes.

Epping are now eight points away from the relegation zone.

Mark Wells, Epping's boss said: "I set a target of 20 points and now we have 21.

"Teams below have games in hand but we have points on the board."

The win came three days after Epping lost 1-0 at home to title-chasers Kelvedon Hatch.

The game's sole goal came on 75 minutes. A cross from the left side was nodded home by Tom Price from 18 yards.

'Blame me' says Kirby

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Harlow's only first-half effort on goal came just past the midway point Gliddon's neat pass found Rhys Henry who fired low from 12 yards but this was well saved by Staines keeper James Courtnage.

Henry was denied again by Courtnage almost on the hour, while the hosts should have scored on 67 minutes. The lunging Henry and Bunn were fractions of a second away from Clarke Akers' fantastic cross into the six-yard box.

Harlow were made to pay when Staines finally broke the deadlock.

Less than 60 seconds later Butler had the ball in the net but Harlow were fortunate as this was ruled out for a cheap infringement.

With a minute left Hasell denied Onochie a second.

Then came the late drama but Harlow were unable to make a point.

HARLOW TN: Hasell 6, Davis 7, Taylor 5, Hollenbach 5, Kirby 5, Chapman 5, Akers 7, S. GLIDDON 8 (Green 82), Bunn 6, Fowler 4, Henry 5. Subs not used: Baker, Warren, Roget, Dumoulin (gk). Att: 249.

Big loss for Robins

SAWBRIDGEWORTH Town suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat at Southend Manor in the Essex Senior Football League on Saturday.

The home side went ahead on 31 minutes through Mark Sisson.

Their advantage was doubled on 56 minutes when Sisson tapped in his second goal.

Two minutes later Ben Hudson made it 3-0 and he added a fourth on 79 minutes.

In the closing minutes Martin Stanton-Hope hit the Sawbridgeworth bar.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH TN: Bibby, Bulled, Day, Crook, Hayter, Sontag, Ellice (Coggin 52), Pedley, Conlan, Moore, Hudson (Waggitt 80).

Alemite's treble chance

Alemite Ath 2, North Weald 1 (aet)

(Footprint Bishop's Stortford, Stansted & District League, Premier Division Cup final)

ALEMITE Athletic moved closer to a possible treble when they beat North Weald in the Premier Division Cup final.

Athletic had already won the premier title before Saturday's final at Bishop's Stortford FC. The Harlow side are also in the semi-finals of the Bill Bruty Cup and visit White Roding in two days' time.

After a goalless first half the deadlock was broken on 55 minutes when Simon Hewitt set up Lewis Eaglestone, who beat a defender before firing home from the edge of the box.

North Weald equalised on 86 minutes thanks to a fine individual goal from Ashley Brown, who took the ball on 40 yards before firing into the top corner.

The game went to extra-time and Alemite's winner came on 100 minutes when Gavin Cockman's free-kick from outside the box went through a wall of players and into the



ALEMITE ATHLETIC: Back from left, Peter Lucia (manager), Simon Hewitt, Lewis Eaglestone, Andy Bean, Ron Yates, Glenn Roberts, Nathan Bethel, Stuart Childs, Richard Stapleton, M. Morgan. Front from left, Gavin Cockman, Gerrard Smith, Sean Warren, Robert Munn, Mark Kiff, Paul Munn, Peter Mays, Frankie Norton



NORTH WEALD: Back from left, James Brown, Frank Major, John Wright, Adam Dangerfield, Sean McDuff, Matthew Clarke, Scott Sargeant, James Turner. Front from left, Tom Davis, Jay Issako, Ashley Brown, Chris Brown, Mark Brown, Jim Brown, Michael Smith

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net.

Peter Lucia, Alemite's manager said: "It was a hard game and it was always going to be settled by one goal. Even

if we do not win the treble we will have had a great season."

ALEMITE ATH: Yates, Childs, Kiff, P. Munn, Mays, R. Munn, Hewitt, Cockman, Bethell, Stapleton (Warren 80), Eaglestone. Subs not used:

Smith, Bean, Roberts, Lucking.

NORTH WEALD: Sargeant, Smith (McDuff 60), Davis, Wright (M. Brown 80), J. Brown, C. Brown, Osako (Clarke 70), Dangerfield, Major, Bowen, A. Brown.

GPCA in shoot-out triumph

GPCA 2, Rouge Lyon 2 (aet)

GPCA won 4-2 on pens (Harlow & District League, Premier Division Cup final)

GPCA won the Premier Division Cup final after a penalty shoot-out at Harlow Town Football Club, writes **PAUL GROVES**.

Richard Goodchild was first up for GPCA in the shoot-out and he smashed the ball into the bottom left, before Carl Smith fired his effort into the bottom right to square the tie.

Scott Nixon tucked home before Rouge's Bradley Devonshire saw his spot-kick smash the right-hand post.

Adam Dalby saved well from Dean McAteer to keep Rouge in the shoot-out, but Billy Pattern was then denied by GPCA stopper Andros Demosthenous.

Kevin Parker netted after Chris Bruce scored and the shoot-out came down to Ryan Williams, who confidently knocked home the winning penalty to secure the silverware for GPCA.

Earlier, Greg Williams had a shot blocked.

At the other end, Tony Smith's shot was well saved by Demosthenous.

White was again involved when he beat his man and played in Kennedy who shot just wide.

On the stroke of half-time Kennedy produced a good save from Demosthenous.

Rouge finally broke the deadlock 10 minutes into the second half. Tony Smith played a superb ball through to Pattern to tuck in.



GPCA: Back from left, Mark Kiff, Jamie Doye, Richard Goodchild, Roydon Weekes, Andros Demosthenous, Christopher Grove, Jamie Horn, Dean McAteer, Scott Nixon. Front from left, Ryan Williams, Stuart Martin, Greg Williams, Kali Williams, Ross Tobolewski, Jack Parker, Kevin Parker, Alfie Parker, Megan Williams

Photo: Dave Cory (K3GXRT2K.02)



ROUGE LYON: Back from left, William King (manager), Neil Hewitt, Adam Dalby, Rob Hamilton, Scott Bailey, Billy Pattern, Gordon Williams. Front from left, Michael Kennedy, Robert Keane, Chris Bruce, Michael White (with son), Tony Smith, Brad Devonshire, Carl Smith (YVYL34P 03)

GPCA responded and Williams was denied by Dalby before Chris Grove missed an open goal.

GPCA drew level when Dalby could not hold a shot from Williams and Grove knocked in from three yards.

On 75 minutes GPCA were awarded a penalty for a foul on Jamie Doye and Goodchild smashed into the right corner to give GPCA the lead.

Rouge pushed on and Kennedy, Pattern and Gordon Williams all went close before Carl Smith's curling shot was superbly tipped onto the bar and away by Demosthenous.

With full-time approaching Kennedy scrambled in the equaliser to send the game into extra-time and penalties.

"It was quite a good game. We had the majority of the play, but they worked hard to stop us

playing," said GPCA boss Lol Williams.

GPCA: Demosthenous, Williams, Martin (K. Parker), Goodchild, K. Parker, Weekes (McAteer), G. Williams (S. Parker), Horn, Tobolewski, Grove, Doye. Subs not used: Kiff.

ROUGE LYON: Dalby, Hamilton, Bailey, C. Smith, T. Smith (Hewitt), G. Williams, White, Devonshire, Keane (Bruce), Pattern, Kennedy. Sub not used: King.

Harlow clinch third place

Harlow 3, East London 1

(NE14 East Men's Hockey League, div four south east)

THE season had a good end for Harlow whose victory over East London was enough for them to leapfrog Colchester seconds and secure third spot.

However, unless there is a league re-organisation in the summer Steve White's side will not be promoted.

Harlow started well on Saturday with the energetic Craig Cholerton supporting Steve White up front in the absence of Chris Shearman-Slack.

It was Cholerton who opened the scoring when he latched onto a through ball from Joe Symmonds to fire past the helpless London keeper.

During the early encounters the visitors did not pose much threat but any attacks were dealt with by Jordan Torvell and Kyle Plumridge in the heart of the defence.

Harlow doubled their lead midway through the first period when James Smith controlled a rebounded White shot to feed Luke Krzoska and he fired home.

The second period turned into a scrappy affair with both teams sharing possession but no real domination.

Despite this it was always Harlow that looked the more likely to score.

There were three yellow cards. Two were for Harlow players as Justin Hayward and Cholerton were cautioned for ill-discipline in separate incidents.

White scored Harlow's third. He raced past the defence, rounded the keeper and slotted into the unguarded net.

East London scored a consolation in the final minutes.

White said: "Overall the season has been very successful with the team performing better than expected which is reflected in the final league standings."

HARLOW (squad): Norris, Plumridge, Prodder, Torvell, Packham, Chandler, Smith, Symmonds, Krzoska, Hayward, Cholerton, White (c).

Captain's drive-in goes for a Burton at Canons Brook!



NEW START: Canons Brook Golf Club men's captain David Burton prior to his drive-in. Photo: Steve Weemes (K9WXY9RY02)

DAVID Burton hit a 202-yard shot for his drive-in to launch his reign as men's captain at Canons Brook Golf Club on Sunday.

Burton, from Harlow, has been a member of the club in Elizabeth Way, Harlow, for 10 years.

He was watched by 130 members including vice-captain Graham Brownsell, who joined the club nearly 30 years ago.

This came prior to the presentation of the Shotgun Trophy, a stableford competition which was won by Kevin Boyd with a magnificent score of 43 points.

The competition also saw a hole in one from Colin Leybourn on the 7th hole.

On Saturday the club's youth team won 4-1 in an Essex Youth Shield match against North Weald.

The team are sponsored by electrical contractors R. Dunham (UK).

The club held its annual meeting at the weekend when Golfer of the Year presentations were made to respective winners Olly O'Hara and current lady captain Rosemarie Earl. Both presentations were made by the President of the Club Mr Ray Robinson.

Results:- Midweek stableford – 1st Lee Carter (37pts); 2nd Ernie Sands (36pts); 3rd Raymond Kings (35pts).

Shotgun Trophy – 1st Kevin Boyd (43pts); 2nd Terry Munro (41pts); 3rd Andy Nicol (41pts); 4th Ernie Sands (39pts).

Servo Hawks triumph in darts league

SERVO Hawks won the Harlow & District Darts League after a 7-1 win over Moot House Arrows.

This gave them a 10-point lead over Young Pretenders in spite of Pretenders' 7-1 win at Moot House which included a 120 outshot by Gary Barnett (Young Pretenders).

Pretenders still have one match to play with a maximum of eight points available so Servo can't be caught.

With a 7-1 win over CC Foxes, White Admiral are two points behind Pretenders in the chase for runners-up spot.

There was a 180 for Sean Towers (CC Whites) and a 100 out shot for Dan Galloway (White Admiral).

Elsewhere, CC Whites overcame an under-strength Swift Half's team 6-2.

This gave CC Whites a five-point lead over Young Pretenders in the handicap league.

Pretenders and Whites face each other in the final league game of the season on Friday.

Colt Hatch and UG Social battled out a 4-4 draw.

Five sin-binned as Clapton lose final match

THE season ended on a sour note for Upper Clapton as they had five players sin-binned when they were thrashed at Ilford Wanderers.

Clapton were disturbed by the alleged foul play of the hosts and at one stage went down to 12 after yellow cards were handed out to Tim Philps, Joe Philps and Adam Ayres on 51, 55 and 57 minutes. All were for dissent.

Ayres appeared unlucky as a Clapton official claimed the alleged verbal abuse came from a home player.

Ilford Wanderers 50, Upper Clapton 0
(RFU Essex League, division one)

Adam Peermamode was also cautioned for dissent on 60 minutes. He tried to speak to the referee about a decision as acting captain, but this was met with short shrift from the official.

Paul Johnston was carded for a late tackle.

Wanderers led 19-0 at the break and their heavier forwards were responsible for the damage scoring six

of the eight tries. Five were converted.

Clapton team manager Steve Prosser alleged: "The ref came to the end of his tether in our view. He was letting them get away with punching and only sin-binning for dissent."

The referee did not take action against the Ilford players, angering Clapton further.

UPPER CLAPTON: Jake Philps, Ferridge, Roberts, Joe Philps, Day, T. Philps, Prince, Ayres, Baldwin, Nickolson (Johnston), Peermamode, Procell, Trevillion, Peattie, Kemp (Adams). Sub not used: Lindsay.

'Rams must end this losing streak'

Alex has St Andrew's in sight

TREVOR Immelman might be the new US Masters champion but six-year-old Alex Carlton is mastering his own destiny and has the home of golf – St Andrew's – in his sights.

High Wych School pupil Alex won a 'wee wonders' tournament at North Weald which is a qualifier for a competition which will be held at the famous Scottish course.

Alex, of Mansfield, High Wych, beat youngsters up to two years older than him to shoot an excellent round of 36 at the par three course in Essex.

He now moves through to a London region qualifier which will take place at Harpenden in Hertfordshire later this month.

Alex has had lessons at Harlow's Canons Brook course and The Manor of Groves in High Wych for the last year. He is now based at North Weald, where he has been working with talented junior coach Mark Smith.

Alex's dad Dan has certainly been impressed with his prodigious son, particularly with his 36 at the North Weald pitch and putt course. "That's four a hole. That's quite good for a six-year-old," he said.

"He hits the ball a long way for his age. He's really into it. He's practising all the time."

Alex only took up the sport two years ago after early success when practising with

TO THE FORE:
Six-year-old
golfer Alex Carlton

Photo: Dave Cory
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his dad's clubs.

"If he wins [at Harpenden] he will go to St Andrew's."

That's another step for him," beamed his proud dad.

NICK Ford is hoping that Harlow can stop their losing run and finish their season on a high with a home win against Braintree.

The Rams were in contention for a play-off spot for two thirds of the season but their form has tailed off badly with them only gaining a point from the last six games, including the heavy defeat at Diss last Saturday.

Ford said: "Losing can become a habit and we want a good performance and a win. We have a better points difference than Romford [fifth place] and a win should mean we come fourth."

A weakened Harlow side were unable to contain the strength and power of second-placed Diss.

The Rams, whose absences included the unavailable lock Jon Snow and scrum-half Lee Harron, as well as number eight Kain Claridge (shoulder injury), exerted strong pressure at the start.

However, this was resisted, and the Norfolk side went ahead on 10 minutes. A rolling maul from a line-out saw Andrew Horne touch down an unconverted try.

Diss stretched their lead three minutes later when Chris Beaird started and finished a move to score a try converted by Adam Williamson.

Two more first-half tries were scored by the hosts.

Lock Paul Cayley went over in the corner with Williamson converting,

Diss 62, Harlow 0
(RFU London & South East, division three north east)

before a break from a line-out resulted in Ali Butler offloading to Mike Fuller to touch down.

Diss led 24-0 at the break and scored two early second-half tries under the posts. Steve Hipwell profiting from quick hands to score, before Warren Wilby's pace earned him a try.

Both were converted by Williamson, and Diss led 38-0.

Harlow kept trying, but the experience and greater fitness of the Diss juggernaut prevailed as they scored four further tries in the last 20 minutes. Two were converted by Williamson.

A line-out move set up hooker Mike Fuller to score before lock Ollie Marriot set up Aaron Bliss to touch down.

The favour was then returned by Bliss when he made an interception from a Harlow attack and set up Marriot to score.

Fuller then scored the final try for the hosts.

Ford added: "Diss were a much heavier side up front and were around two stones a man heavier. They had better organisation and finished well. However, Neil Fitzpatrick stepped into big shoes [Lee Harron's spot at scrum-half] and did well."

HARLOW: Bohl, F. Brown, McFerran, Stradling (Banks 55), Grimley, Ford, Fitzpatrick, G. Brown, Wilkins, Prindville (Branch 35), Hawkins, Palmer, Vanbeck, Weston (Hodges 65), Eynon.

Age no barrier as youthful Colts crack Chingford

A YOUNG Harlow Colts team belied their tender years to beat Chingford 31-14.

The hosts, who included five U-17 players, fell behind after 15 minutes to a converted try.

However, the Young Rams fought back as prop Martin Cunningham scored his first Harlow try. This was unconverted.

Harlow trailed 7-5 at the break but their second-half policy of passing the ball out wide, away from the strong Chingford pack, paid dividends with two tries for winger Matt Treves. Barney Goodey kicked one conversion.

Chingford scored a second try through their powerful number eight

Youth rugby round-up

before Harlow struck twice more through flanker James Clark.

He chased down a long Dan Hockley kick to score and then won a maul and ran 70m to bag an excellent solo try. Both were converted by Goodey.

Harlow Colts (squad): Carter, Mortimer, Cunningham, Dagleish, Ansell, Clark, King, Elston, Woodington (C), Goodey, Adams, Hockley, Davies, Law, Hitchcock, Bowering, Treves, Hynes.

Meanwhile, **Harlow U-16s** defeated their Rochford counterparts 43-22 at home.

The hosts conceded two tries and a conversion in the first period. However,

Jordan Cable (2) and Dan Smith scored tries and the latter kicked one conversion to give Harlow a 17-12 half-time lead.

Cable scored again to complete a hat-trick. Other tries came from winger Ollie Gray (2) and Smith, who kicked three conversions, taking his tally to 18 points.

Harlow U-15s put recent defeats behind them and played outstanding rugby to thrash Finchley U-15s 47-10 at home.

Harlow led 35-0 at the break but tired in the second half, scoring two more tries and conceding two.

Rams forwards Richard Patch, Terry Doyle, Guy Foster and Andrew

Goodchild scored tries with backs David Briggins, Scott Cunningham and Jordan Judge also touching down.

Denzil Crafton kicked six conversions.

Harlow U-14s lost 12-0 to Saffron Walden in the quarter-finals of a 20-team tournament.

In the group stages, Harlow had beaten Harwich 15-0, drawn 5-5 with Sudbury and 0-0 with Harpenden but lost 12-0 to Romford.

Harlow's try scorers were Mitchell Cobbins, Taylor Peters, Jamie Alden and Luke Healey.

Andre Riddell scored the consolation try when **Harlow U-13s** went down 31-5 at Finchley.

